

BOARD MEMO

Date: December 2, 2021
For ACTION _____
For INFORMATION _____
Board Agenda: Yes _____
No _____

FROM: The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair of the Alexandria City School Board

THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: New School Board Advisory Committees: Spanish and Amharic/Arabic

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2021-2022 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 1: Social Emotional and Academic Learning Recovery

Focus Area 2: Hispanic Males

Focus Area 3: Middle School Educational Experience

Focus Area 4: Early College

Focus Area 5: Talented and Gifted

FY 2022 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Implementation of 2025 Strategic Plan

SUMMARY:

The Alexandria City School Board is interested in forming two new School Board Advisory Committees for the Spanish and Amharic/Arabic Communities to create opportunities for engagement to better understand their needs, barriers, as well as resources and services needed to engage families. The formation of these new advisory committees would increase communication, trust, and involvement in decision-making.

BACKGROUND:

Policy BCE—School Board Committees and BCF/BCR-R—Advisory Committees to the School Board give the School Board the authority to form additional School Board Advisory Committees as it deems necessary. Advisory Committees provide opportunities for citizens to advise the Board on major issues pertaining to Alexandria City Public Schools.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information provided for discussion on the formation of the new advisory committees.

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IMPACT:

Creation of these additional advisory committees will encourage engagement by underserved communities in ACPS.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

CONTACT:

Meagan L. Alderton, Chair