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Date: March 22, 2019

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Board Agenda: Yes _____

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THROUGH: Mignon R. Anthony, Chief Operating Officer
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TO: The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Update on George Washington Middle School Science Classroom A109

SUMMARY: George Washington (GW) Middle School had a number of areas with water intrusion and/ or mold in 2018. These areas were systematically inspected, tested and addressed. Various Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funding sources were utilized to address the issues with corrective measures.

This update provides a status on Science Classroom A109, which had various environmental issues and was subsequently deemed temporarily inactive for classroom use for precautionary measures.

BACKGROUND: Science Classroom A109 had a water intrusion issue in September 2018, which resulted in fungi growth along the east wall of the classroom. ACPS employees conducted a site reconnaissance of the room. It was discovered that the source of water intrusion that fomented the organic growth was related to the adjacent book storage room. ACPS subsequently contracted an environmental services company, which sanitized classroom A109 and the adjacent book storage room with biocide in the first week of October 2018. The sources of the water intrusion was a leak from the drip pan and condensate pump on a fan coil unit, which were repaired. Additionally, new piping insulation was installed in the book room. The classroom A109 floor chase that redirects the condensate flow was disassembled, cleaned with biocide and rebuilt.

The school then requested that the existing sink and cabinetry be removed from the classroom (due to recurring leakage issues). The demolition occurred the last week in October 2018, exposing old vinyl composite (VCT) floor tile. The remainder of the room had already received new luxury vinyl tile (LVT) flooring during the 2018 summer interior upgrade. During the second week of November 2018, the environmental consultant confirmed the existence of asbestos containing material on the VCT. In late November 2018, ACPS requested the required 20-day state notification letter for removal of asbestos containing material (approval to proceed received in late December 2018). The asbestos remediation was procured after the winter holidays and the asbestos was removed in the second week of February 2019. A flooring

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contractor installed matching LVT over the remediated area on 2/18/19. An environmental test was conducted in mid-March 2019 and had no additional mold issues or fungal spores. Both asbestos and mold/ fungal issues have been addressed and the classroom has been placed back in service and cleared for use. The teacher and students returned to the classroom on March 21, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the School Board review the information on this brief.

IMPACT: Science classroom cleared to provide learning.

ATTACHMENTS: None

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