

BOARD MEMO

Date: November 4, 2021
For ACTION _____
For INFORMATION _____
Board Agenda: Yes _____
No _____

FROM: Michelle Rief, School Board Member
Jacinta Greene, School Board Member
Margaret Lorber, School Board Member
Heather Thornton, School Board Member

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

TOPIC: School Board Discussions with Advisory Committee Leadership

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Communications and Customer Service for Internal Stakeholders

SUMMARY

The School Board has several advisory committees that support the work of the Division. Advisory committees provide expertise, facilitate community input, and utilize multiple sources of information to advise the Board on areas for continued growth and improvement. The School Board benefits from its partnerships with the community, particularly the experience and insight provided by its volunteer committees. It is essential for the Board to assess the processes, goals and support required by its advisory committees to keep them functioning and thriving.

The Ad Hoc School Board Advisory Support Committee has reached out to School Board Advisory Committees to invite committee leadership to Board Meetings or Work Sessions during November for discussion and feedback of each advisory committee’s work and processes. Advisory Committees have been invited to appear at the School Board meetings/work sessions listed below.

Special Called School Board Meeting, November 4, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

- Athletic Hall of Fame
- Special Education Advisory Committee

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School Board Work Session, November 15, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

- Budget Advisory Committee
- Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee

School Board Work Session, November 22, 2021, 7:15 p.m.

- Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee

BACKGROUND:

The School Board appoints parents, community members, students and staff who bring a unique perspective on specific topics to its advisory committees. The committees meet throughout the school year and each provides to the School Board a Scope of Work and Annual Report.

In March 2021, the School Board voted to form the Ad Hoc School Board Advisory Support Committee and appointed Board Members Jacinta Greene, Margaret Lorber, Michelle Rief and Heather Thornton to serve on the committee. The committee was tasked with developing a scope of work and goals in order to provide ongoing support and guidance to advisory committees by overseeing the implementation of these goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the School Board review information provided by the School Board Advisory Committees.

IMPACT:

The interaction with individual advisory committees will provide greater guidance, support and feedback from the School Board to advance advisory committees in their work.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memo: Formation of the Ad Hoc School Board Advisory Support Committee
2. Ad Hoc School Board Advisory Support Committee Scope of Work

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