

BOARD MEMO

Date: December 16, 2021
For ACTION ____
For INFORMATION _____
Board Agenda: Yes ____
No _____

FROM: The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair, Alexandria City School Board
THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
TO: Members of the Alexandria City School Board
TOPIC: New School Board Advisory Committee for the Amharic-Speaking Community

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 a new School Board Advisory Committee for the Amharic-speaking community to create opportunities for engagement to better understand their needs, barriers, as well as resources and services needed to engage families. The formation of this new advisory committee would increase communication, trust, and involvement in decision-making.

The new advisory committee will begin meeting in the next school year.

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.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the formation of a new School Board advisory committee for the Amharic-speaking community.

IMPACT:

Creation of this additional advisory committee will encourage engagement by underserved communities in ACPS.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

CONTACT:

Meagan L. Alderton, Chair