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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 12, 2015
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: LONG RANGE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES PLAN

The Long Range Educational Facilities Plan (LREFP) is a joint planning effort developed by the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria City Public Schools.

On June 11, 2015, the Alexandria City School Board adopted the Long Range Educational Facilities Plan (LREFP). The Board added a new recommendation (#12) in the Executive Summary, "Explore options to address high school capacity challenges and fiscal impact given projected student enrollment data that indicated the need for instructional spaces to accommodate 4,558 students by 2024. This number represents an increase of 1,035 students from 2014." (see attached)

The School Board also added a new Appendix that includes a neighborhood analysis of students who attend school outside of their neighborhood. This appendix will be forwarded to you as soon as it is available.

The City Council will hold its Public Hearing on the LREFP on Saturday, June 13 and is scheduled to consider endorsing the LREFP at its Legislative Meeting on June 23.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Alexandria City School Board Long Range Educational Facilities Plan Report (June 11, 2015)

Date: June 11, 2015

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes
No

FROM: Clarence E. Stukes, Chief Operating Officer
Elijah V. Gross, Director of Planning, Design and Construction

THROUGH: Alvin L. Crawley, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Karen Graf, Chair, and Members of the Alexandria
City School Board

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TOPIC: Long Range Educational Facilities Plan Report

BACKGROUND: The City of Alexandria and the Alexandria City Public Schools jointly developed a work program for a Long Range Educational Facilities Plan (LREFP) to improve facilities planning including project prioritization, accommodate the growing student population, and to enhance educational programs and services over the next 25 years.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve adoption of the current version of the LREFP as a guidance document in which to make decisions regarding the ACPS Capital Improvement Program. This document will be reviewed on an annual basis with additions and revisions as needed. The recommendation also includes adding an Appendix that includes a neighborhood analysis of students who attend school outside of their neighborhood. Also recommended is additional language included in the Executive Summary (#12) that addresses the need to look at high school capacity challenges. Proposed language states, "Explore options to address high school capacity challenges and fiscal impact given projected student enrollment data that indicated the need for instructional spaces to accommodate 4,558 students by 2024. This number represents an increase of 1,035 students from 2014."

IMPACT: Reflected in CIP document that provides specific projects and fiscal impact.

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Attachment: Long Range Educational Facilities Plan