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Dear Adult Education Students,

A few concerns have been raised about the future of our Adult Education program. The intention of this letter is to provide an overview of our plans to submit a proposal to the Alexandria City School Board during the month of December. Alexandria City Public Schools is not proposing to eliminate the Adult Education program; however, the proposal recommends a restructured Adult Education program to better serve our students. The goal of this proposal is to help all ACPS students earn a high school diploma.

ACPS is seeking to better serve non-traditional students (ages 15-22), including adult learners. The proposal focuses on providing more students with an opportunity to obtain a Standard or Advanced diploma, rather than a General Education Diploma (GED), through a hybrid approach to learning including online and direct instruction at satellite campuses with extended hours. Our goal is to enhance post-secondary and career options for our students. Additionally, the proposal will recommend for Adult ELL courses to be offered at ACPS Family and Community and Engagement Centers (FACE) throughout the city of Alexandria.

You will be notified when the proposal will be presented to the School Board and at that time the proposal will be posted for public viewing. All adult education courses will resume as usual until further notice. We will continue to provide information pertaining to the status of the proposal to all Adult Education program students and faculty members. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at gregory.hutchings@acps.k12.va.us or phone at 703-824-6912. Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

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The Alexandria City
Public Schools will:

*Set the international
standard for
educational excellence,
where all students
achieve their potential
and actively contribute
to our local and global
communities.*