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To: The Honorable Sheryl Gorsuch, Chair, and Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** CTE Annual Report and Suggested Scope of Work

**BACKGROUND:** Each year the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee submits an annual report summarizing their work from the previous year. In addition, the Board of Education notifies the committee in regards to the scope of work that the committee is requested to address for the coming year. Major accomplishments, noted in the report, from this past year include: 1) approving a new Perkins plan for the 2011-12 school year; 2) addition of Biotechnology Foundations and Forensics and three new completer courses (Advanced Fashion, Criminal Justice II, and Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation II); and 3) focusing on workplace readiness skills resulting in ACPS piloting the new Workplace Readiness Skill Industry Certification test for Virginia.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Important work that could be addressed by the CTE Advisory Committee this coming year include: 1) approving a new local Perkins plan the 2012-13 school year; 2) pursuing additional Academy models; 3) increasing dual enrollment opportunities for students; 4) reviewing emerging trends in the construction field and modifying current course offerings as appropriate; 5) collaborating with the TC Williams Vision and Action Committee; and 6) increasing awareness of CTE programs by enhancing outreach and program publicity to stakeholders.

**IMPACT:** A focus by the CTE Advisory Committee on the above recommendations would provide greater opportunities for ACPS students to graduate ready for college and career.

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