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For ACTION

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

TOPIC: CTE Annual Report and 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 this report from this past year include: 1) approving a new Perkins plan for the 2012-2013 school year; 2) addition of four new courses- Sustainability and Renewable Technologies, Aerospace Technology, GRADS-Graduation, Reality, and Dual Role Skills, and Digital Input Technologies; and 3) continuing the focus of preparing students for workplace readiness as well as college.

RECOMMENDATION: Important work that could be addressed by the CTE Advisory Committee this coming year include: 1) approving a new local Perkins plan the 2013-14 school year; 2) providing direction and advice in regards to increasing dual enrollment opportunities for students, 3) collaborating with the TC Williams Vision and Action Committee for coordinating CTE with satellite schools and STEM Academy, and 4) working to continue to increase awareness of CTE programs by enhancing outreach and program publicity to stakeholders (students, parents, businesses, middle school guidance counselors, etc.) 5) provide guidance on how to decide which students get to take CTE classes when over enrolled, and 6) provide advice on the new diplomas and the impact they will have on CTE enrollments.

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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