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To: The Honorable Karen Graf, 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 2014-2015 school year; 2) increasing awareness and options of CTE dual enrollment courses; 3) providing guidance and advice on CTE enrollments and state initiatives such as the mandated Economics and Personal Finance course required for all 2015 graduates and industry certification requirement for 2017 graduates on a standard diploma; and 4) focusing on workplace readiness skills for students.

RECOMMENDATION: Important work that was identified by the CTE Advisory Committee to be addressed this coming year includes:

- 1) supporting the implementation of the general education certificate with the community college system for all students;
- 2) providing direction and advice in regards to increasing dual enrollment opportunities for students in Career and Technical Education courses;
- 3) providing direction and advice for expanding, changing, and eliminating CTE courses;
- 4) providing input and support for a new CTE and ACPS strategic plan; and
- 5) approving a new local Perkins plan for 2015-2016.

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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