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Board Agenda: Yes X

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Through: Morton Sherman, Superintendent
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To: The Honorable Chair and Members, Alexandria School Board

**Topic: 2009-2010 Local Plan for Career and Technical Education
Federal Funds**

The new Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 and Standards of Quality require each school division to develop and receive local school board approval of a plan for Career and Technical Education that includes specific information regarding program and services descriptions and how grant funds will be used.

The Alexandria 2009-2010 Local Plan for Career and Technical Education describes activities and services proposed for the Alexandria City Public Schools Career and Technical Education Program. The plan also assures that all program activities and expenditures are in accordance with the new Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 and all applicable Virginia Public School Laws.

The Alexandria Plan will provide \$251,515.00 to expand Career and Technical Education program offerings, improve technology to up-date and modernize existing programs, and provide staff development opportunities for instructional staff. Grant funding is allocated by formula, based on ACPS enrollment and special populations served.

Pages 1 – 3 of the Alexandria Plan contain local assurances and conditions of the grant. Page 4 addresses the Technical Skills Assessment Certification. Pages 5 – 7 of the Alexandria plan address Virginia and Perkins performance standards and those that do not meet the state level Perkins Performance Standards as identified in the Career and Technical Education Annual Performance Report.

Pages 8-44 of the Alexandria plan contain schedules that comply with Federal Perkins Act Provisions, which require descriptions to ensure the provision of career and technical education services.

Pages 45-52 of the Alexandria Plan contain the 2009-2010 budget and description of how the Perkins funds will be allocated:

- \$44,000 to permit Career and Technical Education staff, counselors, administrators and core teachers to attend CTE professional development institutes as well as participate in individual program area summer conferences, program specific training, certification and licensure. Included are funds for staff development that is designed to strengthen academic collaboration and the academic and technical skills of all students including special populations.
- \$37,788 to purchase computers, peripherals, equipment and software to expand the use of technology in Auto Technology and TV Production labs at T. C. Williams High School.
- \$39,559 to improve and modernize a Business and Information Technology lab at T. C. Williams High School.
- \$15,000 to provide support for students and 1 advisor per program to attend local, state and national co-curricular conferences and competitions.
- \$9,126 to purchase anatomical and interactive simulation models for the Health and Medical Sciences program at T. C. Williams High School.
- \$8,233 to expand and improve instruction in the exploration of technical career fields in computer-aided design and drawing classes at T. C. Williams High School.
- \$42,056 to expand, improve and modernize the Business and Information Technology labs at George Washington Middle School.
- \$33,016 to improve, expand and modernize the Family and Consumer Sciences labs at George Washington and F. C. Hammond Middle Schools.
- \$12,676 to expand, improve and modernize middle school Technology Education production labs through the purchase of equipment, software and technology.
- \$10,061 for support of grant operations through indirect costs.

Please advise if additional information is required.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

IMPACT: The Perkins IV resources allow the Alexandria City Public Schools Career and Technical Education program to provide rigorous and relevant programs that prepare students for post-secondary education and/or entry into the career area of their choice. It provides the funding necessary to ensure appropriate instruction for all students and equip labs that will meet industry specific standards.

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