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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
ACTION ITEM**

SUBJECT: Joint Board of Supervisors and School Board Committee Report

ELECTION DISTRICT: Countywide

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: At the pleasure of the Board

STAFF CONTACTS: Shalom Black, County Administration
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PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is to report on the activities of the Joint Board of Supervisors and School Board Committee (Committee) and to forward the recommendations of the Committee to the Board of Supervisors (Board) for their approval. As most of the topics require additional staff time and resources to develop, Board direction to County staff is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Committee: At their February 8, 2021 meeting, the Committee voted (6-0) that the Joint Board of Supervisors and School Board Committee recommend that (1) the Board accept the 2021 Work Plan as proposed and direct County staff to prepare Items for the designated meetings, and (2) that new or additional items be added to the 2021 Work Plan by the Joint Board of Supervisors and School Board Committee as discussed at the February 8, 2021, Joint Board of Supervisors and School Board Committee meeting.

Staff: Staff support the recommendation of the Committee to approve the Committee’s workplan for 2021, providing guidance to County staff for topics to be developed for presentation to the Committee. Staff also request that the Board consider alterations to the 2021 Joint Committee Meeting schedule as described in this item.

BACKGROUND: On February 3, 2020, the Joint Committee met and considered potential agenda topics for the 2020 year. To facilitate this discussion, County and Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) staff prepared [Item 3: Development of 2020 Joint Committee Goals](#) for the committee’s consideration at their February 3 meeting. The item provided general information on topics considered by the committee during the prior term as well as a request that the committee members identify topics of interest to the committee so that the Co-Chairs could structure the work of the committee over the year.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed and approved the topics presented for Joint Committee consideration in Item 11a at their [March 17, 2020](#) meeting. The School Board took these topics to their [May 26, 2020](#), meeting and received School Board approval at its June 2, 2020, meeting. Subsequently, the Joint Committee approved their 2020 Work Plan at their [June 1, 2020](#), meeting, giving specific dates for the presentation of items in 2020, and a more general list of topics for 2021.

ISSUES: The Issues section of this item provides the Board with a specific plan for the presentation of items from the June 1, 2020 Work Plan list for 2021, as well as an opportunity to add topics for 2021 meetings as directed by each respective Board. The table below is a workplan outlining the topics identified by the Joint Committee, the Board of Supervisors, or the School Board with a suggested timeline for each item; some topics described below may require additional staff time and resources, which would require Board of Supervisors direction to County staff and School Board direction to LCPS staff.

Topic	Background	Proposed Meeting Date
Potential for striping LCPS courts for pickle ball	The committee will discuss the potential use of exterior tennis courts for community use for pickle ball. LCPS staff will review the current practices.	April 5, 2021
CARES funding	At the February 8, 2021 Joint Committee meeting, Supervisor Briskman requested that LCPS report on the \$12 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding they received.	April 5, 2021
Shared Board of Supervisors and School Board district office space	The County’s space strategy was discussed with the Board of Supervisors at the November 21, 2019 , Board of Supervisors Business Meeting. In the item presented to the Board of Supervisors, the Department of General Services discussed Board of Supervisors district office space at the Government Center in Leesburg. The item acknowledges interest expressed in having district-specific offices within each respective district but notes that the proposed space strategy does not currently contemplate the creation of such offices. The Board of Supervisors directed the item on the Board District Offices to be returned to the Finance/ Government Operations and Economic Development Committee and include staff’s analysis on space, security, and cost of pursuing the addition of Board of Supervisors district offices/meeting space within existing and new facilities where operational conditions allow. This item has been postponed due to COVID-19 impacts. Should the Joint Committee choose to pursue the possibility of also including School Board district	June 7, 2021

	offices in the County’s space strategy, additional staff time and resources would be required on the part of both the County and LCPS.	
Glass recycling in schools and on school properties	<p>On December 5, 2018, and June 13, 2019, staff provided the Committee with an update on the removal of county operated recycling centers located at specific school sites. At the request of the School Board, the recycling center at Hillsboro Charter Academy was removed due to school safety concerns.</p> <p>In regard to recycling in schools or school facilities, LCPS staff is best positioned to provide information to the Joint Committee.</p>	June 7, 2021
Jointly administered healthcare	<p>The County’s health plan is self-insured, meaning that the County pays the cost of health claims against the self-insurance fund. The County contracts with a variety of third-party administrators to process and adjudicate claims. The Department of Human Resources has indicated that the only cost component that would be materially impacted by combining with another entity, such as LCPS, is the administrative fee, which is a relatively small component of the total annual cost to the plan.</p> <p>LCPS entered into a new healthcare contract with Cigna effective January 1, 2020 through January 1, 2024 with three two-year renewals for a total of 10 years. Staff will review the potential of Cigna contract being used as a joint contract for LCPS and County of Loudoun.</p>	September 13, 2021
Joint Contracting	<p>Staff has looked at the consolidation of procurement activities of the County and LCPS in the past in an effort to find efficiencies and cost savings, most recently at the December 5, 2013 Joint Committee meeting. Generally, the County and LCPS have different procurement needs; however, the County and LCPS staff look for joint procurement opportunities to gain cost savings, where available. For example, the County issued an Invitation for Bid in 2019 to obtain bids for the annual requirements of petroleum products for the County, LCPS and the Town of Leesburg. While there is variance in the goods and services utilized by Loudoun County Public Schools and the County of Loudoun, when an opportunity presents itself both entities work to issue joint contracts.</p>	November 1, 2021
Agricultural Education	<p>Supervisor Kershner has requested that the Joint Committee receive a presentation from LCPS on additional opportunities for integrating agricultural education and rural workforce development into LCPS. Strategic actions are being developed by LCPS this summer, therefore, the Committee has requested that the item be presented in November.</p>	November 1, 2021

Schedule Changes for Committee Meetings

In addition, the Committee decided at its February 8, 2021 meeting to change its meeting schedule from 3:30pm to 5:00pm on the dates that follow. County and LCPS staff also request that the locations for meetings change as indicated below to accommodate schedule conflicts.

- April 5, 2021 at the Government Center, Board Room, Leesburg VA
- June 7, 2021 at the LCPS Administration Building, Ashburn, VA
- September 13, 2021¹ at the Government Center, Dulles Room, Leesburg VA
- November 1, 2021 at the LCPS Administration Building, Ashburn, VA

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with this item, although some topics identified above may require additional staff time and effort to prepare for the Joint Committee's consideration.

DRAFT MOTION:

1. I move that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2021 Joint Committee Work Plan as proposed and direct County staff to prepare Items for the designated meetings.

I further move that the Joint Board of Supervisors and School Board Committee meeting schedule be amended as described in the March 2, 2021, Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Action Item.

OR

2. I move an alternate motion.

¹ Adjusted from September 6, 2021 to accommodate the Labor Day Holiday