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To: School Committee
From: Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D
Re: EDCO Dissolution

The EDCO Board of Directors voted unanimously at its February 10, 2021 meeting to initiate the process for the termination of the EDCO Collaborative in order to dissolve the EDCO Collaborative by June 30, 2022. The vote to begin termination was due to the financial status of the collaborative over multiple years.

The Board of Directors also voted to have the 16-member school committees affirm the vote of the Board by a majority vote. The termination process will begin when the majority of school committees vote to affirm the February 10 vote of the Board of Directors.

Member districts will be assessed an additional amount in FY21 to cover the FY deficit. Arlington's assessment is $71,574.97, which will be paid from the operating budget.

The cost to the Arlington Public Schools for dissolution expenses could range as high as $680,000 and as low as $100,000. The exact amount will not be determined until sometime next year. It may be possible that the expenses can be amortized over several years. However, should the full amount become due during fiscal FY22 and the costs are closer to the higher estimate than the lower estimate, APS can fund the debt solely from the international revolving account or some combination of funds from the operating budget and the revolving account.

The Motion:

The Arlington School Committee supports the vote of the EDCO Board of Directors to begin the termination process for the EDCO Collaborative in order to dissolve the Collaborative as of June 30, 2022.