FORUM TOPIC REQUEST

Each Board Member may request two forum topics per meeting; **use this form for one topic.**

TOPIC: World Language Programming in FCPS

Time Sensitive ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Desired Date/Time Frame and Reason: Proposed Korean immersion program is being postponed until next year to enable the Board to discuss the FCPS world languages program and formulate a vision for revitalizing this program and ensuring geographic equity across the division.

BOARD MEMBER NAME: Mateo Dunne and Ryan McElveen	**Date Submitted: 09/11/2025**

1. **Specify topic's relation to Student Achievement Goal, Operational Expectation, or policy:**

   This topic relates to **Strategic Plan Goal 3 Academic Growth and Excellence**, which aims to ensure that every student will acquire critical and creative thinking skills, meet/exceed high academic standards, and achieve their highest academic potential. This topic will explore how to provide and/or increase access to challenging academic programs and necessary supports that celebrate each student's humanity, growth, and attainment of high levels of academic performance. It specifically addresses Goal 3 Measure E: Growth with evidence in at least one/two self-identified Portrait of a Graduate skills, annually.

   This topic also relates to **Portrait of a Graduate Attribute 3: Global Citizenship**, which aims to prepare students to act responsibly, recognize and appreciate the similarities and differences among people and their cultures, and care for their community and environment. This topic also supports other Portrait of a Graduate attributes as well as district, state, and national world language standards and proficiency goals for all FCPS students.

   This topic supports the goals of FCPS's World Language Program goal to promote academic excellence by providing students a pathway to develop language proficiency to communicate effectively in another language and to develop increased cognitive skills.

2. **Objective of the topic/conversation:**

   As reflected in the discussion during the May 7, 2024 School Board Work Session, there appears to be consensus among the board on the need to revitalize the FCPS World Languages Programs, including language immersion. There also appears to be consensus to discuss Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools (FLES) and how to integrate FLES with STEAM.

   This forum topic is intended to start a conversation that will enable the board to deliberate on the future of World Language programming across the division and develop a strategic framework to guide the evolution of World Language Programs in FCPS.

   This forum topic will also explore establishing an ad hoc or community advisory committee to support world languages within FCPS.

3. Desired outcome: _____

a) ☐ Forum discussion only
b) ☐ more information/report from staff
c) ☐ Refer to committee for recommendation
d) ☒ Refer to a work session
e) ☐ Other