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TITLE:

Bright Stars Annual Report for FY15

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Presentation of Bright Stars FY15 Annual Report

ITEM TYPE: Regular Information Item

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LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

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BACKGROUND: As a result of the Virginia Pre-School Initiative (VPI) funding initiated by Governor Wilder in 1994, the Board established the County's Bright Stars program as a collaboration among the Department of Social Services, the School Division, and Local Government. The Department of Social Services serves as the coordinator and fiscal agent for the program. The first classroom was established at Stone Robinson Elementary School, and this year (FY16) the program has eleven classrooms in eight elementary schools, including two at Greer and three at Cale and one classroom each at Agnor-Hurt, Red Hill, Scottsville, Stone Robinson, Stony Point and Woodbrook. In 2009, the Pre-School Network for Albemarle County was established to oversee the blending of funding streams from the VPI, Title 1 and Early Childhood Special Education programs to serve more children in inclusion classrooms.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Local Government Goal: Educational Opportunities: Provide lifelong learning opportunities for all citizens. School Division Goal: All Albemarle County Public Schools students will graduate having actively mastered the lifelong-learning skills they need to succeed as 21st century learners, workers and citizens.

DISCUSSION: The FY15 Annual Report includes a review of the Pre-School Network services, including the number of children served and the results of educational and family outcomes. Also included are the

Program's Key Performance Indicators and VPI unaudited finances.

BUDGET IMPACT: Continued funding for the program is being requested in the FY17 budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board accept the FY15 Bright Stars Annual Report.