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The Honorable Atif Qarni
 Secretary of Education
 Patrick Henry Building, 4th floor
 1111 Broad Street
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Dear Secretary Qarni:

In accordance with the Council's resolution of January 8, 2008, I am writing to convey SCHEV's approval of the proposal from the Alexandria City Public Schools to initiate the Governor's Health Sciences Academy at T. C. Williams High School. The proposal has been reviewed by SCHEV staff according to the criteria of:

- career pathway requirements
- postsecondary and business partnership requirements
- academic quality requirements

The proposed Governor's Health Sciences Academy has been determined to satisfy each of the above criteria.

Please be assured of the Council's ongoing interest in working with you and the State Board of Education to ensure that educational offerings at the Governor's STEM and Health Sciences Academies are consistent with state guidelines. If Council can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Peter Blake

cc: Dr. James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction, DOE