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Board Matter
Appointment of Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

Members of the Board,

As the grantee of both the federal Head Start/Early Head Start and Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Grant, the Board of Supervisors serves as the governing body for the Head Start program in partnership with the Head Start Policy Council. Federal Head Start Performance Standards require that the governing body and Policy Council approve two key personnel appointments, the Head Start director and Chief Financial Officer.

As Chairperson of the Board's Health and Human Services Committee and Board liaison to the Head Start Program, I would like to request the Board's consideration of the appointment of Ms. Janet Stewart to serve as Director of the Fairfax County Head Start program.

Ms. Stewart has served as Interim Director since May of this year. She has provided thoughtful leadership, worked with staff and delegate partners at Fairfax County Public Schools and Higher Horizons Day Care to submit successful federal grant renewals, completed the annual self-assessment and successfully performed many other requirements.

Ms. Stewart has over twenty years of experience in Head Start. Prior to serving as Interim Director, she served as the program's Quality Assurance Manager, ensuring the program met federal, state and local regulations and program standards, and served as an assistant to the director. She also supported all Head Start service areas in various positions at Eastern Allegheny Council for Human Services (EACHS) Head Start in West Virginia, and began as a Head Start parent herself.

I believe that Ms. Stewart's knowledge of Fairfax County's program and grants and her lengthy career serving at EACHS Head Start uniquely position her to serve in the role of Director of Fairfax County's Head Start programs.

The Policy Council voted on October 27, 2022 to approve the appointment of Ms. Stewart as Director.

Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors vote to approve the appointment of Ms. Janet Stewart as Director of Fairfax County's Head Start/Early Head Start Program.