

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council recognizes the need for a quality education for all its citizens.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes its responsibility as a system of government for provision for the educational needs of school-aged citizens.

WHEREAS, the City Council is aware of the concern of citizens, parents, schools, police, juvenile court, and other social service or professionally related organizations regarding lack of school attendance for a significant segment of our school-aged population.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that no single agency in Alexandria is totally responsible for the correction of the problem of student absenteeism but must be a total community responsibility.

WHEREAS, little information is available as to the extent of the problem of young-people-out-of-school in Alexandria.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Alexandria that an Ad Hoc Task Force to Study Student Absenteesim is created to be appointed by the City Council and to be composed of eleven members, representative of a broad spectrum of the community. The Mayor shall name the convener of the Committee and the Committee shall elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ad Hoc Task Force research the information available as to the problems and causes of student absenteeism, the extent of the problem in Alexandria, the affirmative action programs known in any part of the nation to correct or prevent the problems, and any other information relevant to the needs of school-aged children not in school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ad Hoc Task Force can appoint whatever Committees are necessary to adequately study the problem and utilize whatever information is available from professional organizations and groups which have studied the problem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager shall provide staff support and the Commonwealth Attorney shall provide legal advice and assistance to the Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ad Hoc Task Force shall submit an interim report to the City Council by February 26, 1976 and a final report by September 26, 1976.

Adopted July 29, 1975

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Deputy Clerk