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Dear Members of AAFCS and FCCLA State Advisers, Chapter Advisers, and Members:

The AAFCS and FCCLA Executive Directors, AAFCS Board President, AAFCS Board Incoming President, Chair of the FCCLA Board of Directors, and Indiana FCCLA State Adviser met together on June 4 to further discuss the proposed amendment to the FCCLA bylaws, <https://fcclainc.org/about> (See Resources). The amendment, which was proposed by the Indiana Association and approved by the FCCLA Board of Directors, will be voted on by the FCCLA membership on June 24, 2021, as part of the 2021 FCCLA National Leadership Conference.

Briefly, the proposed amendment brings the FCCLA Board of Directors position for the AAFCS representative in line with all other positions on the FCCLA Board. That means the AAFCS representative to the FCCLA Board would be appointed by the AAFCS Board of Directors, would be permitted to serve two three-year consecutive terms without a break in service, and could be reappointed to the FCCLA Board after a minimum of a 12-month break in FCCLA Board service.

At its May 26 meeting, the AAFCS Board of Directors approved a policy that added “serve on the FCCLA Board of Directors” to the duties and responsibilities of the AAFCS Executive Director. The rationale is that the Executive Director has the most information about AAFCS policies, financials, and activities and has the authority to make decisions for the association. Future AAFCS Boards will determine the individual who will represent AAFCS on the FCCLA Board following the completion of each term. AAFCS supports this amendment. AAFCS and FCCLA agree that the amendment provides for better alignment of all supportive organizations on the FCCLA Board.

The leaders of both organizations are united on the importance and value of greater communication, collaboration, and support for the other organization. Planning is underway for periodic leadership meetings for the purpose of sharing information, identifying opportunities for collaboration, and supporting the goals and activities of both organizations.

Questions may be directed to either of us at the emails below.

With sincere best wishes,

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