



Board-to-Board, December 2021

A monthly report from the Albemarle County School Board to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors

School division announces new transportation and building services leadership—In December, Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) announced that the deputy directors of the school division's Building Services and Transportation departments would lead their respective departments beginning January 1.

Lindsay Snoddy, who joined the division in 2006 as its Environmental Compliance and Program Manager and became the department's Deputy Director in 2018, will succeed Joseph Letteri as the Director of Building Services. The department maintains, modernizes, and keeps safe more than 2.3 million square feet of facilities over more than 630 acres.

Charmane White, who has been the Deputy Director of Transportation since 2005, will succeed James Foley as the department's director. White oversees operations and training for Transportation Services' 250 employees as well as the administration of its \$10 million annual budget. The department has a fleet of 220 school buses that currently transport more than 7,000 students to and from schools every day, over some 600 separate bus routes. She also supervises the department's parts and services facility, which repairs and maintains school division and local government vehicles.

White has been instrumental in developing the department's Safe Driving Award Program; its Remote Learning Program, which enables drivers seeking their Commercial Driver's License (CDL) to become certified at the department's location rather than having to go to a Department of Motor Vehicles location; and its Responsive Language Program. The latter builds on the division's highly effective Culturally Responsive Teaching program. White serves on the Executive Board of the statewide Virginia Association of Pupil Transportation (VAPT), chairing its Region Five Committee.

Over the past several years, Snoddy's leadership has resulted in several national and state awards for the division for its innovative environmental programming. During this time, the school division instituted renewable energy projects at seven of its schools and secured the first solar power public-private partnership for a school division in the state. It enabled the school division to install solar panels at several schools, conserving energy use and costs.

Snoddy also was responsible for improvements that ensured lead-free drinking water at all school division facilities and the upgrading of LED lighting in classrooms, reducing annual costs by \$700,000. As Deputy Director, her increasingly broad responsibilities have included

managing the department's nearly \$12 million operational budget and the division's multimillion-dollar capital budget program.

White, whose career in school transportation services spans more than 30 years, began her service with Fluvanna County Public Schools as a transportation supervisor and joined Albemarle County Public Schools as Deputy Director of Transportation in 2005. She holds an associate degree from Averett University, majoring in Business Administration.

Prior to joining the school division, Snoddy was an environmental consultant in Atlanta. She earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Georgia Tech and a master's degree in environmental engineering from the same school.

In partnership with police & Commonwealth Attorney, school division hosted community forum on school safety—The issue of school safety, especially highlighted in recent weeks by social media threats against local schools, was the focus of a community forum hosted in December by Albemarle County Public Schools, the Albemarle County Police Department, and the Commonwealth's Attorney Office.

While the forum addressed threats posted on social media against schools in recent weeks, it also discussed overall responsible use of social media, the ability of the police to investigate and identify threatening posts, and the risks and consequences for those convicted of abusive online behavior. Other topics included bullying and the use of the internet to prey on others.

Among those participating from the police department were First Sergeant Lance Smith and Detective Michael Wells from the Criminal Investigations Division and Detective Michael Schneider from the Special Victims Unit. Jordan McKay, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, and Dr. Jesse Turner, the school division's Director of Student Services, also participated.

As director of student services, Dr. Turner is the division's principle contact with the police department. He also reviews each school's crisis plan, including actions and resources to protect school safety.

Dr. Helen Dunn, the division's Legislative & Public Affairs Officer, moderated the discussion, which was recorded and posted on the division's [ACPS Videos](#) page.

School Board seeks volunteers to serve on Sustainability, Planning & Health Advisory Boards—The Albemarle County School Board is accepting applications from county residents who are interested in serving their community as a member of the Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability, the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee, or the School Health Advisory Board. Each group addresses issues that influence the future quality of public education in the county.

The school board will appoint four individuals to the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee, including representatives from the Jack Jouett, Rio, Rivanna, and Samuel Miller magisterial districts. The superintendent will also appoint a representative to the committee. The board will appoint individuals to serve on the School Health Advisory Board representing the

Jack Jouett, Rio, and Samuel Miller magisterial districts. The board will appoint individuals to serve on the Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability from the Jack Jouett, Rio, Rivanna, Samuel Miller, Scottsville, and White Hall magisterial districts, as well as an at-large member. The superintendent will also make appointments to this committee from the applications received. For all three advisory groups, the term of office is two years.

The Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability (ACES) is formed to advise and inform the school board and superintendent about measures to help Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) develop and reach sustainability goals and foster an integrated series of tools and knowledge for the growth of environmental awareness. A significant part of the committee's mission will be to guide and coordinate the implementation of the county's Climate Action Plan as it relates to schools. Implementation will involve goals related to the five sectors of the Climate Action Plan: transportation and land use; buildings; renewable energy sourcing; sustainable materials management; and landscape, natural resources, and agriculture.

ACES is responsible for serving as a resource to the school board and superintendent regarding matters of environmental sustainability; developing plans for implementation of the county's Climate Action Plan goals as they relate to the school division; developing concrete and/or measurable environmental goals for ACPS; providing a report, at least annually, to the school board and superintendent about progress from the prior year and receiving feedback on board priorities for the next year; and creating methods for feedback from and engagement with students through the student ACES member.

The Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee (LRPAC) informs and advises the superintendent and school board in the development of comprehensive, long-term plans for facility needs in the most effective way and in support of the school division's strategic plan. Committee members must reside in the magisterial district they represent, with the exception of the at-large seat, which any resident of the county may hold. LRPAC researches, reviews, and makes recommendations on issues such as school program capacity; enrollment and projections; transportation and operating efficiencies related to facilities planning; creative financing and construction strategies; scope of renovations; school closures and new schools; student accommodation planning; and the division's requirements for innovative learning environments to accommodate its 21st century instructional model and associated technology resources.

LRPAC applicants should have an interest in or experience with school facilities and capital improvement program planning; demographics and economics; elementary, middle and high school programs and needs; public outreach and communication; and/or municipal design and construction. Members will interact and communicate with the school board and the public through work sessions and community and focus group meetings.

The School Health Advisory Board (SHAB) assists with developing health policy in the school division and evaluating the status of school health, health education, the school environment, and health services. The advisory board typically meets quarterly and reports annually on the status and needs of student health in the school division to any relevant school, the school board, the Virginia Department of Health, and the Virginia Department of Education. As part of their work, SHAB may recommend procedures to the school board relating to children with acute or chronic

illnesses or conditions, such as appropriate emergency procedures for any life-threatening conditions and designation of school personnel to implement the appropriate emergency procedures.

More information and committee applications are available on the school board's [Committees](#) web page. Applications for serving on any of the three advisory groups are due by 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2022. Applications should be submitted to Jennifer Johnston, Clerk of the School Board, by email at jjohnston@k12albemarle.org or by postal mail to 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902. Community members may direct questions or requests for additional information to Ms. Johnston by phone at 434-972-4055.