



Board-to-Board, February 2026

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

Albemarle County School Board Welcomes New Members, Elects 2026 Leadership—Returning board member Dr. Katherine L. Acuff (Jack Jouett District) and newly elected members Robert Beard (Samuel Miller District) and James Dillenbeck (Rio District) were sworn in on January 8, 2026.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, the board elected Dr. Rebecca Berlin (White Hall District) as chair and Allison Spillman (at-large) as vice chair. The board also reappointed Christine Thompson as clerk of the School Board and confirmed committee and advisory group liaison assignments for the year ahead.

Read the full article: [Albemarle County School Board Welcomes New Members, Elects 2026 Leadership](#)

ACPS Notifies Community of Potential Calendar Changes in the Event of Weather-Related Closings—In preparation for weather-related closures in late January, Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) is sharing its plan to ensure students receive the required instructional time for the 2025-26 school year.

If needed, ACPS will follow the amended schedule below:

- **One or two days closed:** No change to the school schedule
- **Three days closed:** Feb. 17 will change from a professional development day to a regular instructional day
- **Four days closed:** Feb. 16 and 17 will change from a teacher workday and professional development day to regular instructional days
- **Five days closed:** Feb. 16 and 17, as well as March 19, will change to regular instructional days.

Read the full article: [Weather Planning Update: Potential Schedule Changes Ahead](#)

ACPS, CCS, GCPS Awarded \$1 Million GO TEC Grant—Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS), Charlottesville City Schools (CCS) and Greene County Public Schools (GCPS) have been awarded more than \$1 million to bring Great Opportunities in Technology and Engineering Careers (GO TEC) Career Connection Labs to middle schools throughout Region 9.

Developed by the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, GO TEC aims to create dependable talent pipelines by introducing middle school students to emerging STEM-focused career fields through hands-on learning. The program's Career Connection Labs bring advanced technology curriculum, industry-grade equipment and teacher training to middle school classrooms throughout the Commonwealth.

Read the full article: [ACPS, CCS, GCPS Awarded \\$1 Million GO TEC Grant](#)

Language Arts Learning Resource for Grades 6–12 Available for Public Review—A proposed English Language Arts learning resource for grades 6–12 is now available for public review in advance of potential adoption by the Albemarle County School Board.

At its Jan. 8, 2026, meeting, the School Board received a recommendation to adopt HMH: Into Literature as the core English Language Arts curriculum resource for students in grades 6–12. In accordance with School Board Policy IIAA, Learning Resources/Textbook Selection and Adoption, sample materials will be displayed for a minimum of 30 days prior to Board action.

Read the full article: [Language Arts Learning Resource for Grades 6–12 Available for Public Review](#)