



Board-to-Board

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

Southwood Youth Soccer Tournament: On Saturday, July 30, youth from the Southwood Community participated in the neighborhood's first annual soccer tournament. Organized by Habitat for Humanity, in conjunction with the Albemarle County Police Department and Albemarle County Public Schools, the tournament saw three-on-three soccer games among Southwood youth. Police officers were also on hand to lead fun activities.

Innovative Leadership: Superintendent Dr. Pam Moran is one of 20 school superintendents across the nation being recognized for innovative leadership by Project Tomorrow, a national non-profit education organization aimed at ensuring that students are well prepared to be tomorrow's innovators, leaders, and engaged citizens of the world. "More than 2,600 districts participated in Speak Up 2015, but these 20 stood out to us for their commitment to raising the voices of their stakeholders, notably students, community members, and educators, at all levels," said Julie Evans, Project Tomorrow's Chief Executive Officer.

Project Tomorrow Annual Findings: <http://goo.gl/81wuE6>

Stop-arm Cameras Update: Due to an absence of legislative language that would allow stop-arm camera companies to access Department of Motor Vehicles records, the initiative has been delayed. It is likely that this issue will be raised again during the upcoming General Assembly session.

Charlottesville Tomorrow Coverage: <http://goo.gl/4ucZPA>

Project XQ: ACPS has been named one of 50 finalists in the nation for XQ: The Super School Project, which is a \$10 million grant competition aimed at redesigning the high school experience. Final results should be known by August 4, with a more formal announcement from XQ coming in early September.

Previous XQ Coverage: <https://goo.gl/0dTOvr>

Legislative Advocacy: Tim Shea, Legislative & Public Affairs Officer for the school division, has represented ACPS at recent federal and state education meetings. In early July, as part of the School Superintendents Association advocacy conference in Washington, D.C., Mr. Shea met with the offices of Sen. Tim Kaine, Sen. Mark Warner, Rep. Robert Hurt, and Rep. Bobby Scott to discuss Special Education funding, Career and Technical Education, school food, and the Every Student Succeeds Act. Additionally, Mr. Shea is representing ACPS at the state level, taking part in the Joint Committee to Study the Future of Public Elementary and Secondary Education in the Commonwealth. This is a committee that will be heavily involved in upcoming changes to the Standards of Learning and high school graduation requirements.

Joint Committee Information: <http://studies.virginiageneralassembly.gov/studies/424>

Albemarle High School Trailers: To deal with overcrowding at Albemarle High School, last month ACPS installed a nine-room modular unit outside of the school. Eight of the trailers will serve as classrooms, while the ninth will include office and restroom spaces. Over the next two years, ACPS will be studying how best to deal with high school capacity issues.

NBC29 Coverage: <http://goo.gl/uPznJa>

Teaching Tolerance Award: Leslie Wills-Taylor, a teacher at Woodbrook Elementary School, has been named a 2016 Teaching Tolerance Award Winner by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Teaching Tolerance selected Leslie, as well as four other teachers, because of their “dedication to diverse students and their demonstration of teaching practices that exemplify the TT mission: reducing prejudice, improving intergroup relationships and promoting equity in schools.”

Teaching Tolerance: <http://www.tolerance.org/blog/meet-2016-winners>

School Board website: <http://www2.k12albemarle.org/Pages/default.aspx>