



Board-to-Board

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

Community Forums: During the month of October, the League of Women Voters will host three community forums to discuss the upcoming bond referendum: Tuesday, October 4 at Western Albemarle High School; Tuesday, October 11 at Monticello High School; and Wednesday, October 26 at Albemarle High School. All meetings will be held at 6:00pm, and all meetings will include comments and a presentation by school division staff and officials, as well as a Q&A session.

Public Information Plan: In order to ensure maximum voter engagement in the upcoming bond referendum, Schools and Local Government staff have developed a public information plan. Registered voters will receive a brochure in the mail, and posters have been placed in high-traffic public facilities around the community (schools, libraries, COB, and COB 5th St., etc.). Public service announcements aimed at raising awareness of the community forums and the presence on of the referendum question on the ballot, as well as reminding citizens to register to vote and engage in the public process, will appear in print, radio, and television outlets.

Woodbrook Addition: Earlier this month the School Board approved the schematic design for the Woodbrook Addition. Included in this project is an addition of 16 classrooms, a full-size gymnasium, and renovations to the existing learning spaces. Schools staff is working with planning staff to study traffic patterns in the surrounding area. The addition is scheduled to be finished by August 2018.

Charlottesville Tomorrow Coverage: <http://www.cvilletomorrow.org/news/article/25059-plans-for-woodbrook-elementary-school-addition/>

School Accreditation: Based on recent feedback from the Virginia Department of Education, 81 percent (21 of 26) of Albemarle schools are fully accredited. Yancey, Greer, and Stone-Robinson elementary schools, along with Jack Jouett and Walton middle schools were not fully accredited. This marks an 8 percent jump division wide, as last year only 73 percent of schools were fully accredited.

Daily Progress Coverage: http://www.dailyprogress.com/news/education/vast-majority-of-local-and-state-schools-meet-standards/article_0847bb50-7ab0-11e6-91df-bf316019723e.html

Naviance: Albemarle County Public Schools unveiled a new program this month that is designed to improve the ability of students to identify colleges and careers that offer the best fits for their long-term success. Beginning as early as the sixth grade, the program will align student strengths and interests with the most promising pathways for each student's academic, career and college preparation.

The program is Naviance, a web-based resource that, in its own words, “aligns student interests to post-secondary goals, improving student outcomes and connecting learning to life.” School counselors are discussing the new program with students this month and assisting them with their program participation. Through a new link in Parent Portal, Naviance Family Connections, each student’s information also will be available to parents.

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