



Board-to-Board, November 2019

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

Local Composite Index Recalculated for 2020-2022—Results of the recalculated Composite Index of Local Ability-to-Pay for the 2020-2022 biennium, which will begin July 1, 2020, were released this month. The 2020-2022 composite index was calculated using 2017 base-year data provided by the Department of Taxation for Virginia adjusted gross income (AGI), taxable retail sales, and true value of real property.

Based on a population of 107,697, Albemarle County's final composite index was calculated at .6449. This lower number represents less ability to pay than the last biennium, where the composite index was .6780 based on a population of 105,051.

A downloadable file in Excel format containing the 2020-2022 composite index for each school division is available on the Virginia Department of Education website at: [Composite Index of Local Ability-to-Pay Website](#).

The Virginia Department of Education will use this composite index in calculating the state share of projected school division payments for the Governor's introduced budget for the 2020-2022 biennium. Information regarding these projected payments will be provided to you in late December following the release of the Governor's 2020-2022 introduced budget, scheduled for December 17, 2019.

Cale Advisory Committee Convenes to Discuss School Name Change—An advisory committee met on November 20 to narrow potential names for Paul H. Cale Elementary from more than 250 individual suggestions to six finalists. The finalists — Mountain View, Avon, Southside, Avon Ridge, Biscuit Run and Mill Creek — reflect the school's geographic location. Community members can weigh in on the finalists during a meeting next month (tentatively scheduled for December 10) at Cale, and the committee will vote on a final recommendation in January, according to a timeline announced in October. The Albemarle County School Board has the final say on the new name.

The 11-person committee made up of parents, community members and teachers received more than 550 submissions through an online survey and suggestion box at the school according to chairman Dennis Rooker. More than 300 suggestions came from students and staff at Cale. The finalists were among the most-suggested names.

School Board policy stipulates that schools could be named after a theme, value, place or individual. However, committee members decided at the beginning of the renaming process that they would not name the school after an individual. On Jan. 8, the committee will have a final meeting to decide on its recommendation. At least nine of the 11 voting members of the committee must agree on a recommendation to the School Board, according to board policy.

Nominations Now Open for 2020 Golden Apple Awards; Program Honors Excellence in Teaching & Community Outreach—Nominations are open for the 2020 [Golden Apple Awards](#). The program, which began in 2001, honors outstanding teachers in public and private schools in Albemarle County and Charlottesville City. Sponsored by Better Living Building Supply and Cabinetry, the program recognizes educators, from pre-kindergarten through the 12th grade, for their outstanding classroom performance and influence on the success of their students.

Honorees are selected for a Golden Apple based upon demonstrated excellence in the classroom, innovative instructional strategies and techniques, and involvement in their local community. Students, parents, educators, and other members of the community may submit nominations.

Teachers selected for the award represent less than two percent of all teachers in Albemarle County and Charlottesville City public and private schools. Each year, one teacher is selected from each of the 40 public and private schools in the area.

In addition to receiving a Golden Apple, and for the first time in the program's history, every Golden Apple recipient also will earn a grant of \$500, which can be used for classroom materials or to support the teacher's professional development. Nomination forms are available at individual schools or online at www.k12albemarle.org. The deadline for school principals to receive nominations from students, parents, school staff, and community members is January 27, 2020. The ceremony honoring the 2020 recipients will be at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, in Lane Auditorium in the County Office Building at 401 McIntire Road in Charlottesville.

First Annual Connecting Communities 5K—The first annual Connecting Communities 5K took place on Saturday, November 16 at Sutherland Middle School. The 5K was sponsored by the Public Education Foundation of Charlottesville-Albemarle and was open to city and county employees as a way to foster community among employees of the city and county as well as a focus on activities that support wellness among employees. Prizes were awarded to the first several participants to complete the course and to raffle winners. Over \$800 were raised from raffle sales and donations; those funds will go toward offsetting the cost of transportation to field trips for the city and county schools.