



# Albemarle County

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**AGENDA DATE:** 2/5/2020

**TITLE:**  
Bright Stars FY19 Annual Report

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** Presentation of Bright Stars FY19 Annual Report

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**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Richardson, Walker, Savides, Stebbins, Fox

**PRESENTER (S):** Carol Fox

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Not Required

**REVIEWED BY:** Jeffrey B. Richardson

**BACKGROUND:** As a result of the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) funding initiated by Governor Wilder in 1994, the Board of Supervisors established the county's Bright Stars program as a collaboration between the Albemarle County Department of Social Services, Albemarle County Public Schools, and the local government. The Department of Social Services serves as the coordinator and fiscal agent for the program. The first classroom, which opened with the start of the 1995-96 school year, was established at Stone-Robinson Elementary School. This year, (FY19) the program had eleven classrooms in seven elementary schools, including two each at Agnor-Hurt, Cale, Greer and Woodbrook, and one classroom each at Red Hill, Scottsville, and Stone Robinson. In 2009, the Preschool Network for Albemarle County was established to oversee the braiding of funding streams from the VPI, Title 1, and Early Childhood Special Education to serve more children in inclusion classrooms.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Local Government Goal: Educational Opportunities: Provide lifelong learning opportunities for all citizens. School Division Goal: All Albemarle County Public Schools' students will graduate having actively mastered the lifelong-learning skills they need to succeed as 21st century learners, workers, and citizens

**DISCUSSION:** The FY19 Annual Report includes a review of the Preschool Network services, including the number of children served and the outcomes on measures of socio-emotional development, academic achievement and family engagement. Also included are the program's Key Performance Indicators and VPI unaudited finances.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Continued funding for the program is being requested in the FY20 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board accept the FY19 Bright Stars Annual Report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Annual Report