



**City Council and School Board
Joint Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2026**
CitySpace, 100 5th St NE
Charlottesville, VA 22902
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Juandiego R. Wade, Mayor
Natalie Oschrein, Vice Mayor
Jen Fleisher
Michael K. Payne
J. Lloyd Snook, III
Kyna Thomas, Clerk

5:00 PM City Council Business Session

- I. City Council Call to Order/Roll Call**
- II. Agenda Approval**
- III. Action Item**

- **RESOLUTION:** Resolution to Appropriate \$234,000 to the Citywide Reserve and for the approval to use an amount not to exceed \$206,993.23 for the Repayment of Local Match Funds to the Department of Justice for the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Family Drug Court

5:15 PM Joint Work Session

- IV. See attached School Board Agenda**

Agenda also available online at:

https://charlottesvillepublic.ic-board.com/public_agendaview.aspx?mtgId=809



Policy Briefing Summary

City Council

Regarding: Resolution to Appropriate \$234,000 to the Citywide Reserve and for the approval to use an amount not to exceed \$206,993.23 for the Repayment of Local Match Funds to the Department of Justice for the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Family Drug Court

Staff Contact(s): Taylor Harvey-Ryan, Grants Program Manager

Presenter: Krisy Hammill, Director - Office of Budget and Grants Management

Date of Proposed Action: August 12, 2026

ACTION

Appropriate \$206,993.23 to City Reserve for repayment of local match to Department of Justice for the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Family Drug Court.

ISSUE

The City of Charlottesville received notice from the Department of Justice of a required repayment of the 25% match for the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Family Drug Court totaling \$206,993.23.

BACKGROUND

The City of Charlottesville served as the fiscal agent for the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Family Drug Court Program and received a grant from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$827,973.00 for which there was a required match of 25%. The match was scheduled to be made by in-kind staff time between Region Ten, County Staff and City Staff. However, this documentation was not submitted during the reporting periods and thus has resulted in a repayment request from the Department of Justice (DOJ) in the amount of \$206,993.23 due August 14, 2026, to avoid being sent to the Department of Treasury.

ANALYSIS

The Charlottesville- Albemarle Family Treatment Court (FTC) serves parents or guardians with substance use disorders who have a child or children at risk of or removed from the home. The FTC was established in 2004 and is a collaborative partnership between Charlottesville Albemarle Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Charlottesville Department of Social Services, Albemarle Department of Social Services, Piedmont Court Appointed Special Advocates and Region Ten Community Services Board. The project was awarded additional grant funds in the amount of \$823,973 from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to expand services and increase staff training.

The funding was to be used to expand the capacity of the FTC treatment and case management, decrease the length of wait time for an assessment and initiation of evidence-based substance abuse treatment, and add peer recover support services. The expanded project also established a process to more effectively and efficiently address basic needs and barriers to treatment which negatively impact participant success. Finally, the project increased program staff training for ongoing development and to better meet National FTC Best Practice Standards. The expanded project increased overall success of participants in reaching their goals of sustaining long-term sobriety and health, safe family functioning, and increased program retention and graduation rates.

At the conclusion of the grant, The DOJ did a financial reconciliation of the submitted Final Federal Financial Report's (SF-425) which shows total project cost reported. This amount multiplied by the required match percentage reflects the required match. The recipients reported share of outlays as compared to the required match shows a difference. The difference is to be refunded to OJP.

The Office of Budget and Grants Management has been working diligently with internal departments and external community partners to locate match documentation to submit to the Department of Justice to reduce the amount owed for the match. However, at this time, we are not certain sufficient match documentation will be provided by external partners in time to meet the DOJ timeline.

This appropriation provides funding necessary to cover the repayment obligation in the event we owe the full balance of repayment to the DOJ.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City plans to reclaim \$234,000 previously allocated to the Blue Ridge Coalition for Homelessness (BRACH) for Permanent Supportive Housing Supports in FY2026. These funds were not expended by BRACH/Region Ten, as they secured funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Local dollars had initially been appropriated due to uncertainty regarding renewal from HUD; however, since HUD ultimately awarded the grant, the local funds remained unused. The City is requesting that these funds be reallocated to the City-Wide Reserve, enabling up to \$206,993.23 to be applied toward repayment of match requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the reallocation of the \$234,000 from unused, previously appropriated funds to the City Reserve, and Council grant staff authority to use up to \$206,993.23 for the repayment of the match funds to the Department of Justice if necessary.

MOTION

"I move to approve the resolution appropriating \$234,000 to the Citywide Reserve and granting the City Manager authority to use an amount not to exceed \$206,993.23 for the Repayment of Local Match Funds to the Department of Justice for the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Family Drug Court.

I further move that City Council waive the requirement for a second reading of this resolution and that it take effect immediately upon adoption."

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) RESOLUTION to Appropriate \$234,000 to the Citywide Reserve and for the approval to use an amount not to exceed \$206,993.23 for the Repayment of Local Match Funds to the Department of Justice for the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Family Drug Court



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RESOLUTION

To Appropriate \$234,000 to the Citywide Reserve and Grant the City Manager Approval to Use an Amount Not to exceed \$206,993.23 for the Repayment of Local Match Funds to the Department of Justice for the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Family Drug Court

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville plans to reclaim \$234,000 previously allocated to the Blue Ridge Coalition for Homelessness (BRACH) for Permanent Supportive Housing Supports that were not expended as they secured funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in FY2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville served as the fiscal agent for the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Family Drug Court Program and received a grant from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$827,973.00 for which there was a required match of 25%; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has received notice from the Department of Justice of a required repayment of the 25% match for the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Family Drug Court totaling \$206,993.23;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that:

1. Funds in the amount of \$234,000 be appropriated to the Citywide Reserve account and allocated as follows:

Revenue:

\$ 234,000 Fund: 105 WBS: 1631001000 G/L Account: 451050

Expense:

\$ 234,000 Fund: 105 WBS: 9783004000 G/L Account: 599999

2. The City Manager is authorized to pay an amount not to exceed \$260,993.23 for the Repayment of Local Match Funds to the Department of Justice in connection with a previously awarded grant for the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Family Drug Court Program.

Date Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council



Agenda

TYPE: School Board Work Session

DATE: 8/12/2026 **TIME:** 5:00 PM

LOCATION: CitySpace Large Conference Room, 100 5th St NE, Charlottesville, VA 22902

DETAILS: Joint Meeting with Charlottesville City Council

Better Together

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Call to Order

Info

Background and Summary:

The School Board Chair will call the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call of Board Members

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3.0 Approval of Agenda

3.1 Approval of Proposed Agenda

Action

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the proposed Agenda.

4.0 Items for Discussion

4.1 FY 2026-2027 Budget Amendment - Renee Hoover

Info

Background and Summary:

Renee Hoover, Chief Financial Officer, is presenting the FY 2026–27 Budget Amendment to the City Council for their consideration. Since the adoption of the School Board's FY 2026–27 Budget in February 2026, several updates have occurred that require amendment to the adopted budget.

The state budget has been finalized, resulting in an additional \$318,847 in state revenue for Charlottesville City Schools (CCS). During the City's budget adoption process, \$2,000,000 of the School's appropriation request was placed in the City's School Operations Contingency pending finalization of the state budget and clarification of the resulting revenue to CCS.

CCS is requesting that City Council release \$1,840,576 from City's School Operations Contingency. This amount reflects the \$2,000,000 contingency allocation less the City's 50 percent share of the additional state revenue received.

Attachments:

FY 2026-2027 Budget Amendment_Supportive Information Sheet_August 12, 2026 SB Joint Meeting with City Council.pdf

FY 26-27 Budget Amendment r.2 Joint Sch Bd & City Council Meeting 08_12_26 - Google Slides.pdf

Strategic Plan:

Priority 4: Ensure Effective and Efficient Operations. Will demonstrate fiscal stewardship. Timely, accurate, and transparent communication of budget information to the members of the community.

Action Required:

None.

Recommendation:

Request City Council release \$1,840,576 from the School Operations Contingency to support FY27 School's Appropriation, representing the release of funds held in contingency less the 50/50 split of additional state revenue.

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| 4.2 | Discussion on the Local 1% Sales Tax Option for School Construction - School Board and City Council | Info |
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Background and Summary:

Under Va. Code § 58.1-605.1, local municipalities have the authority to levy a dedicated 1% local sales tax to fund public school capital projects and major facility modernizations. Because revenues are legally restricted solely to new construction, major renovations, or new debt service, this option offers a sustainable, dedicated funding mechanism for critical school infrastructure without placing the entire financial burden on local property taxpayers. Enacting the tax requires a voter-approved referendum initiated by the local governing body, with revenues collected over a 20-year term to directly address the school division's long-term capital improvement plans.

Attachments:

 Discussion on the Local 1% Sales Tax Option for School Construction_Supportive Information Sheet_August 12, 2026 SB Joint Meeting with City Council.pdf

Strategic Plan:

Priority 4 - Ensure Effective and Efficient Operations

Target 1: 100% completion of annually designated modernization projects on school campuses.

Target 2: Annual progress on improved air quality in division and school buildings.

Action Required:

None.

Recommendation:

That the Board and Council discuss the Local 1% Sales Tax Option for School Construction.

5.0 Comments from Members of the Community

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Background and Summary:

The Charlottesville City School Board welcomes comments from members of the community. Speakers are encouraged to keep their comments to three minutes.

6.0 Adjournment

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| 6.1 | Adjourn | Action |
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Recommendation:

Adjourn



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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION SHEET JOINT CITY COUNCIL-SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

DATE:	August 12, 2026
SUBJECT:	FY 2026-2027 Budget Amendment - Renee Hoover
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	Renee Hoover, Chief Financial Officer, is presenting the FY 2026–27 Budget Amendment to the City Council for their consideration. Since the adoption of the School Board’s FY 2026–27 Budget in February 2026, several updates have occurred that require amendment to the adopted budget. The state budget has been finalized, resulting in an additional \$318,847 in state revenue for Charlottesville City Schools (CCS). During the City’s budget adoption process, \$2,000,000 of the School’s appropriation request was placed in the City’s School Operations Contingency pending finalization of the state budget and clarification of the resulting revenue to CCS. CCS is requesting that City Council release \$1,840,576 from City’s School Operations Contingency. This amount reflects the \$2,000,000 contingency allocation less the City’s 50 percent share of the additional state revenue received.
STRATEGIC PLAN:	Priority 4: Ensure Effective and Efficient Operations. Will demonstrate fiscal stewardship. Timely, accurate, and transparent communication of budget information to the members of the community.
RECOMMENDATION:	Request City Council release \$1,840,576 from the School Operations Contingency to support FY27 School’s Appropriation, representing the release of funds held in contingency less the 50/50 split of additional state revenue.
ACTION REQUIRED:	None.
CONTACT PERSON(S):	Renee Hoover, Chief Financial Officer

Charlottesville City Schools FY 2026–27 Budget Amendment

Additional State Revenue Allocation, Technical Adjustments, and
Use of Remaining School Operations Contingency

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State Budget Adoption & Revenue



State Legislative Timeline

Adoption Date: The General Assembly formally adopted the State Budget on **June 22, 2026**.

Executive Approval: Signed into law by Governor Spanberger on **June 29, 2026**.

Virginia Department Of Education: Released the official Calculation Tool on **July 2, 2026**, confirming final state allocations.



Additional State Funding: +\$318,847

State revenues increased from the Governor's Proposed Budget to the Adopted Budget due to updated revenue projections for Sales Tax and Lottery Proceeds.



Budget Alignment & City Contingency

\$2.0M

School Operations Contingency

Requires Appropriation by City Council

Reconciling City vs. School Division Budgets

City Adopted Budget: \$ 127,377,481

Schools Adopted Budget: \$ 129,377,481

Budget Variance: **\$2,000,00**

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City Council set aside funds in a School Operations Contingency account pending future Council approval. This contingency was established due to the lack of an approved state budget.

The City also added language that City Council intends to retain up to 50% of state funding received by the School Division in excess of the School's FY 2027 Budget.



City's Appropriation Calculation

Calculation Line Item	Description	Amount (\$)
School's Request from City	Presented to City Council on March 2, 2026	\$2,569,071
City Contingency Base	Base amount set aside in City's Operations Contingency	\$2,000,000
50% State Revenue Offset	50% retention applied to \$318,847 additional State revenue	-\$159,424
Net Contingency Released to Schools (Based on Approval of City Council)	Contingency base (\$2,000,000) less 50% state offset (\$159,424)	\$1,840,576
Total Adjusted City Appropriation	School ask (\$2,569,071) less 50% state offset (\$159,424)	\$2,409,647
Net Expendable Capacity for Schools	State gain (\$318,847) less City reduction (\$159,424)	\$159,423



Expenditure Allocation Recommendation



1% Admin Pay Increase

\$86,085

- Increase administrative staff salaries by an additional 1% for a total 4% FY 2027 salary increase.
- Aligns administrative staff compensation with the state-approved 4% raise for SOQ positions.
- Additional 1% increase would be retroactive to July 1, 2026.



Additional 1% Raise

\$73,338

- Allocate the remaining available funds to provide an additional 1% salary increase for administrative staff for a total of 5%.
- Combined with the 1% proposal, the total additional increase would be 2%, bringing the FY 2027 administrative salary increase to 5%.
- The estimated cost of the second 1% increase is \$86,355, for a total cost of \$172,710 for the combined 2% increase.
- The remaining funding variance of \$12,747 can be absorbed through vacancy savings from reconfiguration. Positions that were consolidated after the budget was adopted.



Total Allocated Funds

\$159,423

- Fully balances the proposal using the net revenue gain of \$159,423.
- Provides equitable investment in administrative compensation.
- Supports the division's commitment to recruiting, retaining, and recognizing high-quality leadership.



Technical Adjustments

\$822,558

GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO
Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Budget Alignment

To finalize the Special Revenue Fund Budgets and account for salary increases resulting from collective bargaining agreements, an additional **\$822,558** will be transferred from the General Fund to Special Revenue Funds.

Impacted Special Revenue Programs:

 CATEC

 School Nutrition

 Preschool Programs

 Grant Funds



FY 2026–2027 Budget Amendment Summary

Revenue Source	Adopted FY 2026 – 2027 Budget	Change to General Fund	Change to Special Revenue Fund	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Amended FY 2026 – 2027 Budget
City Appropriation	\$ 81,595,593	\$ (981,982)	\$ 822,558	\$ 73,432,954	\$ 8,003,215	\$ 81,436,169
Fund Balance	10,655,333	-	-	10,655,333	-	10,655,333
Local	5,229,027	-	-	466,000	4,763,027	5,229,027
State	24,919,541	318,847	-	21,530,257	3,708,131	25,238,388
Federal	6,977,987	-	-	12,000	6,965,987	6,977,987
Total Revenues	\$ 129,377,481	\$ (663,135)	\$ 822,558	\$ 106,096,544	\$ 3,440,360	\$ 129,536,904



CCS FY 2026–27 Appropriation Request To City Council

Release FY 2026–27 School Operations Contingency Funds

Approve the release of
\$1,840,576
from the City's School Operations Contingency to Charlottesville City Schools

Supports funding of the Collective Bargaining Agreements for Licensed and Support Professionals.

Transfer Remaining City's School Operations Contingency to Schools Transportation

\$159,424

Support the conversion of 6 Part-Time (30 hour) Bus Driver positions to Full-Time (40 hour) positions to improve recruitment, retention, and transportation service reliability.



Next Steps



1. City Council

- **August 17, 2026 - City Council Meeting:** Take action on the appropriation to support timely implementation of the FY 2026-27 budget.



2. School Board

- **September 3, 2026 - School Board Meeting:** Take action to approve the FY 2026-27 Budget Amendment.





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STRATEGIC PLAN:	● Priority 4 - Ensure Effective and Efficient Operations ○ Target 1: 100% completion of annually designated modernization projects on school campuses. ○ Target 2: Annual progress on improved air quality in division and school buildings.
RECOMMENDATION:	That the Board and Council discuss the Local 1% Sales Tax Option for School Construction.
ACTION REQUIRED:	None.
CONTACT PERSON(S):	Royal A. Gurley, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent

MEETING GUIDELINES

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 - ii. Interrupting a councilor who is speaking
 - iii. Shouting, and talking (either individually or in concert with others) in a manner that prevents a speaker or a Councilor from being heard or that otherwise hinders the progress of the meeting
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 - vi. Engaging in conduct that is a criminal offense under the City Code or the Virginia Code
 - vii. Campaigning for elected office
 - viii. Promotion of private business ventures
 - ix. Using profanity or vulgarity
 - x. Personal attacks against Councilors, City staff or members of the public
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