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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION SHEET CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

DATE:	1/8/2026
SUBJECT:	Community Schools - Dr. T. Denise Johnson and Dr. Sherica Jones-Lewis
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	<p>Dr. T. Denise Johnson, Supervisor of Strategic Initiatives, and Dr. Sherica Jones-Lewis, Community School Director, will present "Better Together: Advancing Family and Community Engagement," an update on the Charlottesville City Schools Community Schools framework. Grounded in the Virginia Department of Education's national model, this initiative is built upon four strategic pillars: integrated student supports, expanded learning opportunities, active family and community engagement, and collaborative leadership. The presentation details division-wide progress in aligning literacy, attendance, and mentorship efforts with the specific needs of students through programs such as the Confidence & Comprehension Club for grades K-6, Bridge Builders for middle school, and The Lab for high school and alternative education students. By centering student voice and strengthening partnerships with community organizations, the division aims to create a sustainable infrastructure that reduces fragmentation and positions schools as hubs for student and family support.</p>
STRATEGIC PLAN:	<p>Priority Area #1: Increasing Academic Achievement</p> <p>Priority Area #2: Provide a Culture of Safety, Wellness, and Belonging</p>
RECOMMENDATION:	The Superintendent recommends that the Board receive the Community Schools item for information and discussion.
ACTION REQUIRED:	None
CONTACT PERSON(S):	<p>Dr. T. Denise Johnson, Supervisor of Strategic Initiatives</p> <p>Dr. Sherica Jones-Lewis, Director of Community Schools</p>