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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION SHEET CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

DATE:	March 5, 2026
SUBJECT:	Virginia High School League (VHSL) Hall of Fame - Garwin DeBerry, Sr. - Andy Jones
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	<p>Andy Jones, Director of Student Activities, will recognize: Congratulations to Coach Garwin DeBerry, 2026 inductee into the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame. A native of Charlottesville, DeBerry was prevented from playing football at Lane High School because of his race. He subsequently transferred to the all-black Burley High School and eventually returned to Charlottesville High School in 1973-74 as a teacher and assistant coach.</p> <p>In 1980, he became the head football coach at Charlottesville High School, making him the first African American head coach at any school in the area. Over a 35-year career as a teacher, coach, and administrator at CHS, his teams went to 12 playoffs, won six district titles, a regional championship, and reached the state semifinals.</p> <p>Coach DeBerry has received numerous accolades, including being selected six times as the District Coach of the Year and receiving the VHSL Region II Award of Merit in 2008. He was also selected for the Virginia Interscholastic Association (VIA) Hall of Fame in 2017. Today, the competition field at CHS is named in his honor.</p>
STRATEGIC PLAN:	Priority # 3 - Support Our Staff
RECOMMENDATION:	The Superintendent recommends the Board formally recognize and celebrate Coach Garwin DeBerry, Sr. on the occasion of his 2026 induction into the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Hall of Fame.
ACTION REQUIRED:	None
CONTACT PERSON(S):	Andy Jones, Director of Student Activities