



CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION SHEET CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

DATE:	March 5, 2026
SUBJECT:	Action - Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for Charlottesville High School
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	<p>Kim Powell, Chief Operations Officer, and Kristel Riddervold, Director of the City's Office of Sustainability, briefed the School Board on February 5, 2026, regarding the implementation of solar energy via Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). The first agreement is now being brought forward for Board action. Aligned with the City's 2050 carbon neutrality mandate and the Climate Action Plan (CAP), PPAs offer a specialized pathway to accelerate solar deployment on municipal grounds by eliminating the need for initial local capital.</p> <p>Following recent roof replacement, Charlottesville High School has been identified as an optimal site and next step for solar installation. Under the proposed 25-year terms, in partnership with the City, a third-party developer will manage the financing, installation, and ongoing maintenance of the solar arrays. This allows the school division to secure clean energy at a fixed, predictable rate, projected to yield nearly \$4 million in total avoided costs over the life of the contract, while reducing the City's carbon footprint.</p> <p>Board action is needed to authorize the Superintendent to execute this PPA on behalf of Charlottesville City Schools.</p> <p>Please note, Schedule 4 (the Project Schedule) and Schedule 6 (the Annual Contract Quantity) will be presented as part of the initial design, per Section 4.1(d) of the PPA. Schedule 4 will reflect the 18 month contractual timeline for the Dominion Energy utility upgrade, which will not be initiated until after the letter of authorization is done, which is a step that follows execution of the PPA. A portion of Schedule 6 has been completed and it will be amended to reflect the as-built conditions at the commercial operation date of the project.</p>
STRATEGIC PLAN:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Priority 4: Ensure Effective and Efficient Operations<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Goal 3: CCS will promote sustainability and environmental awareness○ Goal 4: CCS will demonstrate fiscal stewardship
RECOMMENDATION:	The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for Charlottesville High School.
ACTION REQUIRED:	Yes
CONTACT PERSON(S):	Kim Powell, Chief Operations Officer

