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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION SHEET CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

DATE:	March 31, 2026
SUBJECT:	Public Education Foundation of Charlottesville-Albemarle Awards Teacher Innovation Grant Winners - Amanda Simalchik
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	<p>Congratulations to the eight Charlottesville City Schools teachers who won grants from the Public Education Foundation Charlottesville-Albemarle (PEFCA) for Winter 2026!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jennifer Ryan, Charlottesville High School, “The Language Lab: Gamified English Learning for Emerging Multilinguals” ● Kevin Paquette, Charlottesville Middle School, "Future Cville: A STEM Career Pathway Pilot" ● Lucy Spencer, Charlottesville Middle School, “Table Talk with Teens” ● Cianna Washburg, Charlottesville Middle School, “SOL Game Ready Day” ● Melanie Johnson, Greenbrier Elementary School, “STEM in the Wild: Building Curiosity through Real-World Exploration” ● Jessica Cao, Jackson-Via Elementary School, “From Pencils to Print: Our Journey to Becoming Published Authors” ● Sabra Timmins, Jackson-Via Elementary School, “Crossing the Line: An After-School Soccer Club for Building Inclusive Communities” ● Amy Wissekerke, Walker Upper Elementary School, “Classroom Economics for 6th Grade” <div data-bbox="716 1390 1187 1978"> </div>

STRATEGIC PLAN:	Priority 2: Provide a Culture of Safety, Wellness, and Belonging.
RECOMMENDATION:	The Superintendent recommends the Board receive the report.
ACTION REQUIRED:	None
CONTACT PERSON(S):	Amanda Simalchik, Supervisor of Community Relations