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**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION SHEET  
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD**

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| <b>DATE:</b>   | 5/7/2026   |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>  | 2026 Golden Apple Award Winners - Dr. Katina Otey  |
| <b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</b><br><br> | <p>Dr. Anna Isley, Chief Academic Officer, will recognize the 2026 Golden Apple Award Winners.</p> <p>Congratulations, Golden Apple Winners! This year’s Golden Apple Teaching Awards have been announced. Cheers to the following, and thanks to our sponsors, Mr. Richard Nunley and Better Living Building Supply and Cabinetry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bruce Van Dyke, Automotive Services Technology, CATEC</li> <li>● Justin Newberry, Social Science Teacher, Charlottesville High School</li> <li>● Orawan Townsley, ESL Teacher, Charlottesville Middle School</li> <li>● Amy Jones, Second Grade Teacher, Greenbrier Elementary School</li> <li>● Audrey Athay-Barnes, Teacher, Hospital Education</li> <li>● Colleen Bourgal, Fourth Grade Teacher, Jackson-Via Elementary School</li> <li>● Nick Liles, Alternative Ed Teacher, Lugo-McGinness Academy</li> <li>● Katherine Plunkett, Media Specialist, Summit Elementary School</li> <li>● Catherine Meaney, First Grade Teacher, Sunrise Elementary School</li> <li>● Kristi Hartwell, Kindergarten Teacher, Tall Oaks Elementary School</li> <li>● Alison Mutarelli, Fourth Grade Teacher, Trailblazer Elementary School</li> <li>● Coby Whitaker, Sixth Grade Teacher, Walker Upper Elementary School</li> </ul> <p>Winners will be honored at a community celebration on April 29. Sponsored by Better Living Building Supply and Cabinetry for more than two decades, the Golden Apple Awards celebrate educational excellence by honoring the passion and dedication of teachers. Each recipient receives a \$500 classroom grant as part of the recognition.</p> |
| <b>STRATEGIC PLAN:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Priority 2: Provide a Culture of Safety, Wellness, and Belonging <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Goal 1: CCS will support social, emotional, and physical wellness</li> <li>○ Goal 2: CCS will foster a strong sense of community</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>   | The Superintendent recommends the Board receive this report.   |
| <b>ACTION REQUIRED:</b>  | No action needed at this time.   |
| <b>CONTACT PERSON(S):</b>  | Dr. Anna Isley, Chief Academic Officer   |