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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION SHEET CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

DATE:	May 7, 2026
SUBJECT:	Adoption of AP African American Studies Textbook - Dr. Anna Isley and Dr. Alicen Brown
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	<p>Dr. Anna Isley, Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Alicen Brown, Coordinator of Social Sciences and History, Jason Bennett, CHS Assistant Principal, will present:</p> <p>Following the January 2026 Board approval of AP African American Studies , a specialized committee evaluated three finalist textbooks using a quantified VDOE rubric to ensure alignment with state and College Board standards. The committee recommends the adoption of Freedom on My Mind (Butler et al., 2025), which achieved a perfect score of 108 and was the only text rated "Adequate" in every evaluation category. This resource is already widely utilized across Virginia and provides essential primary source documents and AP practice materials for the two sections anticipated at CHS. With a total implementation cost of \$7,638.91 , the division plans to move through community review this month to secure the purchase for the 2026–2027 school year.</p>
STRATEGIC PLAN:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Priority 1: Increase Academic Achievement<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Strategy 8: Provide a coherent and rigorous PK-12 math program that is fully aligned to the VA standards of learning, including a targeted approach to fluency and number sense and differentiated to meet the needs of all learners
RECOMMENDATION:	It is recommended that the Board review the recommended AP African American Studies Textbook and Instructional Materials for adoption on June 4, 2026.
ACTION REQUIRED:	None at this time. The Board will be asked to take action on June 4, 2026
CONTACT PERSON(S):	Dr. Anna Isley, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Alicen Brown, Coordinator of Social Studies and World Languages