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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION SHEET
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

DATE:	November 5, 2026
SUBJECT:	Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Academy Awards - Amanda Simalchik
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	The Virginia School Boards Association recognizes and honors school board members, superintendents, clerks, and deputy clerks who have improved their boardsmanship skills by participating in in-service education programs. Time, dedication, hard work and consistent efforts are required of each board member to stay well-informed on complex issues. The VSBA "Academy Awards" acknowledge these dedicated board members for their different levels of achievement. Credit reporting period July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026: **Certificate of Recognition** (15 credits per year - Certificate, NO pin): ● Shymora Cooper ● Chris Meyer ● Nicole Richardson **Award of Achievement** (24 credits per year - Certificate & Bronze pin): ● Dr. Royal A. Gurley, Jr. **Award of Excellence** (48 credits in 2 years - Certificate & Silver pin): ● Emily Dooley **Award of Honor** (66 credits in 2 years - Certificate & Gold pin): ● Amanda Burns **Award of Distinction** (84 credits in 2 years - Certificate & Starfish pin): ● Lisa Torres (invited to a special luncheon at the VSBA Annual Convention)
STRATEGIC PLAN:	● Priority 2: Provide a Culture of Safety, Wellness and Belonging ● Priority 3: Support our Staff
RECOMMENDATION:	Recognize the VSBA Academy Awards Certificate recipients.
ACTION REQUIRED:	None
CONTACT PERSON(S):	Amanda Simalchik, Director of Community Relations