



Board-to-Board, March 2026

A monthly report from the Albemarle County School Board to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors

ACPS Presents 2026-27 Draft Funding Request—Following the signing of collective bargaining agreements ratified by the Albemarle Education Association (AEA) and unanimously approved by the Albemarle County School Board at its Feb. 12 meeting, Superintendent Matthew S. Haas presented the school division's 2026-27 Draft Funding Request. The proposal outlines a balanced \$311.3 million operating plan, with projected revenues aligned to anticipated expenditures.

The recommended additions to the proposed funding request include \$800,000 for new textbooks and high-quality instructional materials; \$325,531 to add targeted special education staff; \$706,653 for math and data support specialists in high-need schools; and continued implementation support for Year 2 of the Scholars Studios career pathway model.

The superintendent also proposed a one-time transfer of \$4.08 million to the School Capital Improvement Program to support major school facility needs.

Read the full article: [ACPS Presents 2026-27 Draft Funding Request](#)

Stephanie Carter Named Principal of ACE Academy – Lambs Lane Campus—Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) appointed Stephanie Newcomb Carter as principal of Albemarle Career Exploration (ACE) Academy – Lambs Lane Campus.

Carter brings more than 20 years of experience in career and technical education leadership. She joins ACPS after serving two years as director of career and technical education for Stafford County Public Schools. Previously, she spent four years as director of the Charlottesville Area Technical Education Center (CATEC), served as a middle school principal at Buford Middle School in the City of Charlottesville, and held roles as a program administrator for virtual education, career and technical education and alternative education.

Read the full article: [Stephanie Carter Named Principal of ACE Academy – Lambs Lane Campus](#)

ACPS Educators Earn Twelve Teacher Innovation Grants—Several teachers throughout Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) have been awarded grants from the Public Education Foundation of Charlottesville-Albemarle (PEFCA) to fund hands-on learning experiences in STEM, reading, financial literacy, social-emotional learning and more in the classroom.

It's estimated that the grants, which range from \$500 to \$2,000 each, will impact 2,000 students across the division.

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Four ACPS Students Earn Spots in Competitive Finance and Leadership Academy—Albemarle High School's Anya Piskunova and Emma Lau, Western Albemarle's Olivia Moore and Monticello's Skye Cuellar have been accepted into the Virginia National Bank's 2026 Finance Career and Leadership Academy.

The Academy is a free, in-person instructional program designed to provide advanced personal finance education, employment readiness training and early exposure to careers in banking. Through a partnership with the Center for Financial Training and Education Alliance, the program also introduces students to industry-aligned coursework and credentialing opportunities related to the financial services field.

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