



# **SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

**October 3, 2019**

# Virginia's new Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



On September 9, 2019, Governor Ralph Northam announced that Dr. Janice Underwood, former Director of Diversity Initiatives at Old Dominion University, will serve as Virginia's first-ever Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.



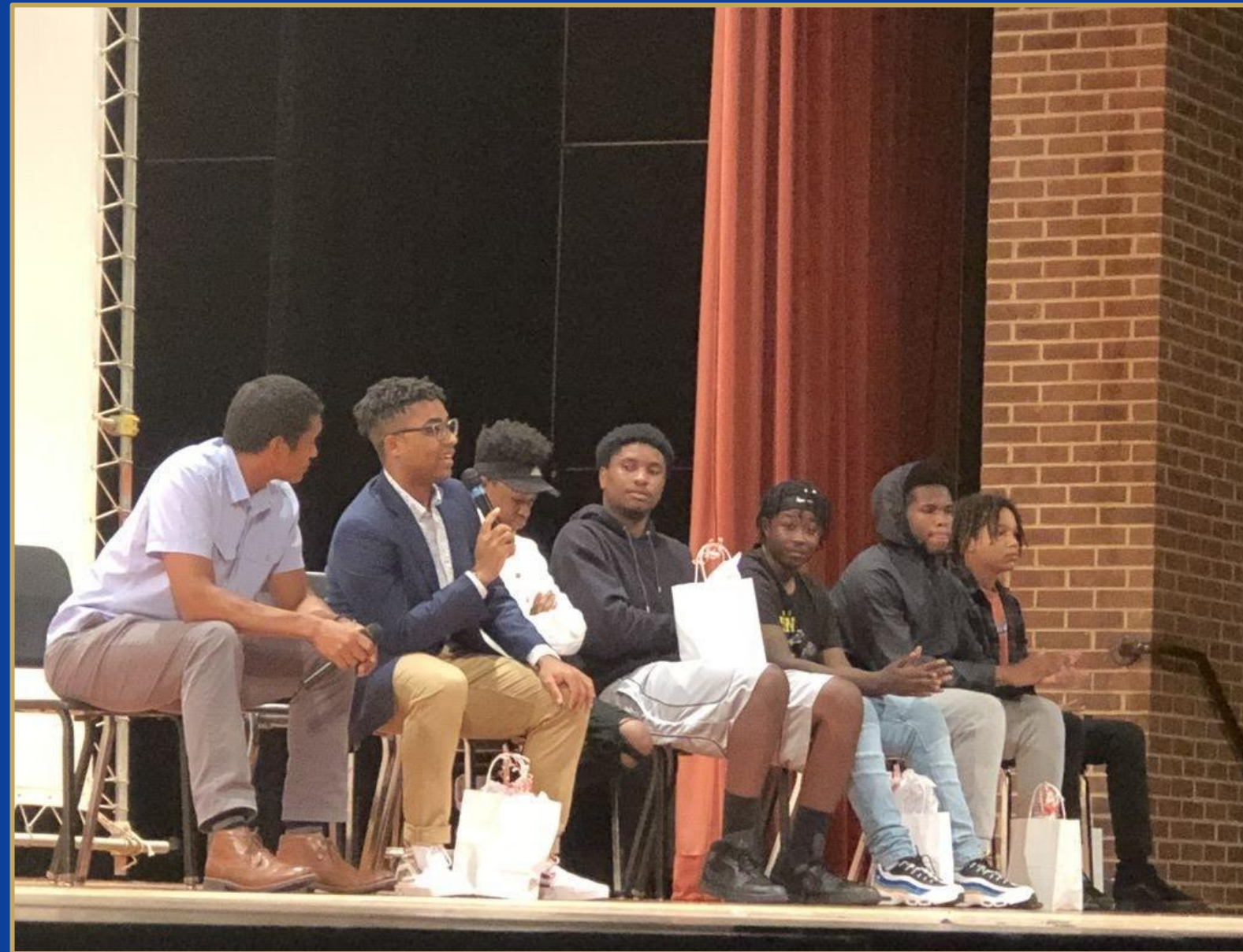
# Walker Buford United PTO Forum on Programming Updates



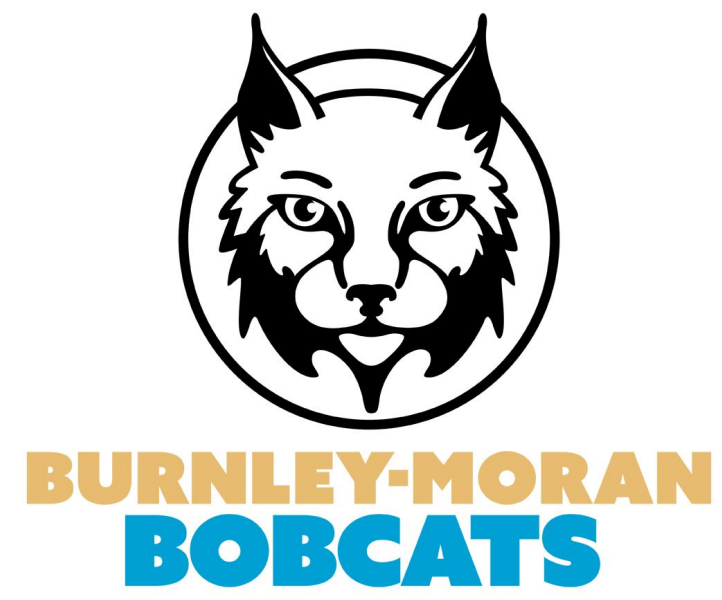
On September 11, 2019, Dr. Adam Hastings, Walker Principal, Dr. Jesse Turner, Buford Principal, and Dr. Eric Irizarry, CHS Principal, held a forum to discuss programming updates.



# Black Male Achievement Documentary Premiere - "A Different Side..."

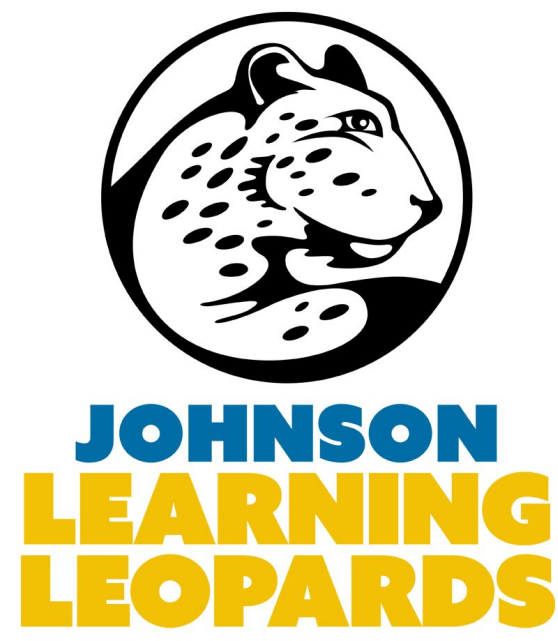


On September 19, 2019, the Charlottesville Alliance for Black Male Achievement and Light House Studio premiered a second documentary "A Different Side..." that highlighted a different side to the story that is often told about young Black men in our community from the perspective of five Black Charlottesville High School students.

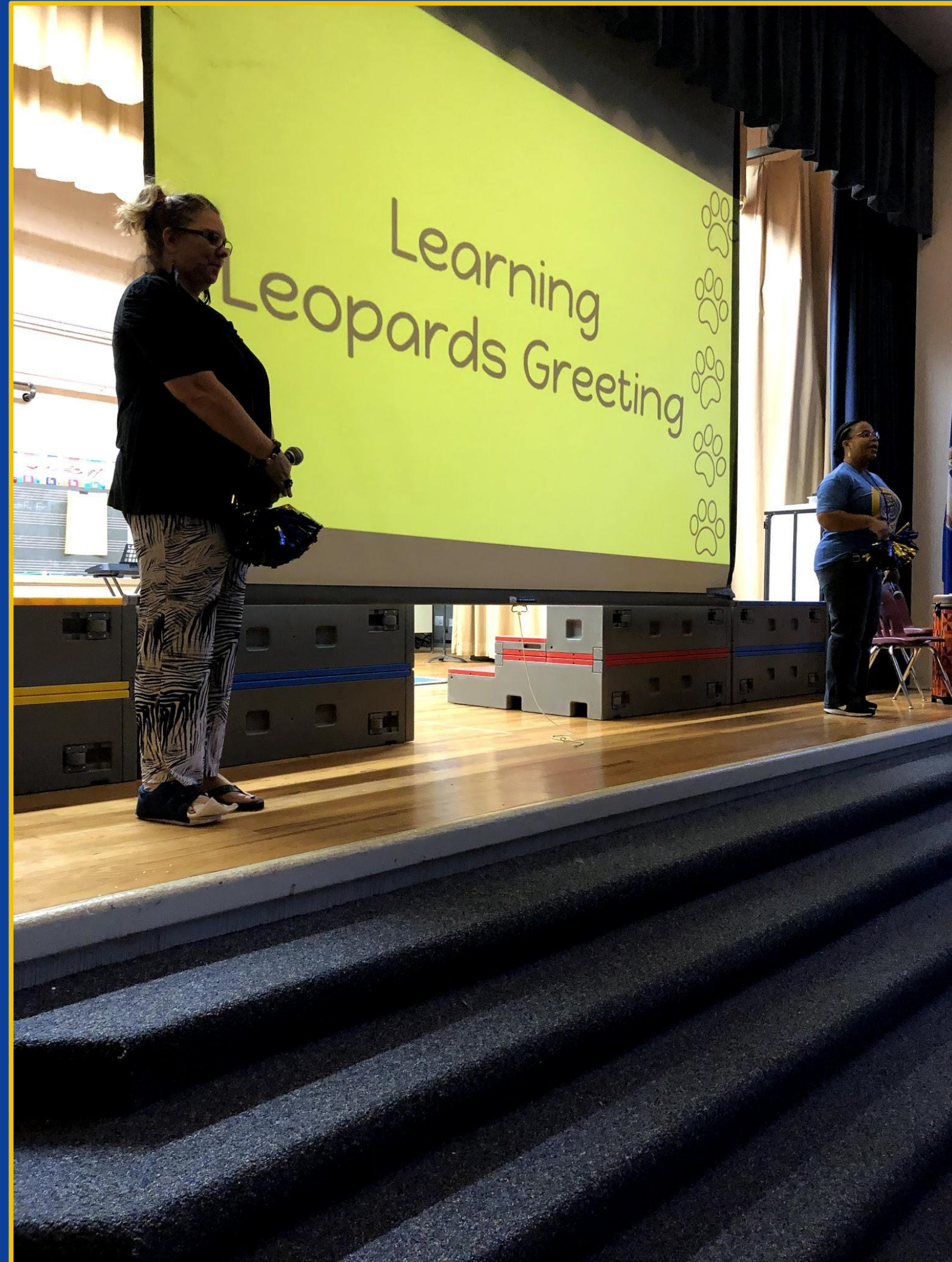


# Burnley-Moran School-Wide Morning Meeting - September 27, 2019





# Johnson School-Wide Morning Meeting - October 1, 2019



# INSIDE OUT CHARLOTTESVILLE: THIS IS WHAT COMMUNITY LOOKS LIKE!



Leah Puryear



Denise Johnson



Dr. Tamara Dias

*School Board/staff members featured in a mural as a celebration of people who have had a positive impact on our city.*

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*Staff, School Board members, students, alumni, and parents from Charlottesville City Schools were among those featured in a mural on the downtown mall as a celebration of people who worked for racial justice in our city. The mural was posted on the side of the Violet Crown Cinema, featuring large-scale black & white portraits of 120 local activists. The project ran from July 28-September 28.*

# Update on CLASS After-School Program Enrollment

<b>School</b>	<b>Enrolled</b> as of 9/18/19	<b>Wait List</b> as of 9/18/19
Burnley-Moran	75	9
Clark	36	17
Greenbrier	53	44
Jackson-Via	48	11
Johnson	54	37
Venable	57	65
Walker	32	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	355	183

# 10th annual Fall Harvest Festival

Buford Middle School  
Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-7:30pm

A FREE community event with delicious food, garden activities, farm animals, scavenger hunt, apple cider pressing, AVID craft fair, face painting & more!

Dinner for all includes Korner BBQ, the winning dish from the student Veggie Cook-off by, sides by Sticks Kebob shop and the Market at Bellair & dessert from Petit Pois & Albemarle Baking Company.

Music by 101.3 JAMZ

Rain or Shine. Bring a chair or blanket.

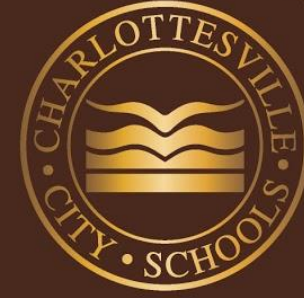
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By Patrick Ronayne

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## NAACP CIVIL RIGHTS VICTORY: INTEGRATION OF JOHNSON SCHOOL, 1962

In 1962, Johnson Elementary School became the third Charlottesville public school to desegregate due to a lawsuit brought by the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Initially, to avoid court-ordered desegregation at Venable Elementary School and Lane High School, those two schools were closed for five months during 1958-59 as part of "massive resistance." Following a modified school reopening in the spring and an additional NAACP court victory in the fall, on September 8, 1959, twelve black students began attending Venable Elementary and Lane High Schools. However, further integration was minimized, and the other city schools remained segregated. To address this, Charlottesville's NAACP President, Eugene Williams, and his wife, Lorraine — herself a teacher in Charlottesville City Schools — sued to allow their daughters' transfers from all-black Jefferson Elementary into all-white Johnson Elementary. Fifteen other students and their parents were part of the suit, seeking transfers to Venable and Lane. Appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, *Dillard v. School Board of the City of Charlottesville* ultimately forced Charlottesville City Schools to stop the discriminatory handling of school transfer requests. Consequently, on October 24, 1962, Johnson Elementary was integrated by Karol and Scheryl Williams and by Michael Lewis and Rosalind Whitlock, whose requests to transfer into Johnson were also approved following the court ruling. Each victory paved the way for greater access to an equal education, and the ruling had significant impact across the state and country. Widespread integration of Charlottesville's schools occurred from 1965-1966, but the work for true racial equity continues.

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Plaque Commemorating the  
Desegregation of Johnson School,  
1962

Unveiling event to be held with  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams at  
Johnson School  
on October 23, 2019.