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### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION SHEET CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

<b>DATE:</b>	May 7, 2026
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Adoption of AP African American Studies Textbook - Dr. Anna Isley and Dr. Alicen Brown
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</b>	<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 used a quantified VDOE rubric to evaluate three textbooks on alignment with standards, organization, formatting, writing style and appropriate language, information sources included, integration of skills and concepts, lack of bias and stereotyping, diverse perspectives and representation, and digital considerations. 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 by all committee members. 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>
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Priority 1: Increase Academic Achievement<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Strategy 1: Focus on Equity and Rigor This involves enhancing academic tools with a focus on equity and encouraging course plans that incorporate rigor.</li><li>○ Strategy 4: Unleveled Courses and Advanced Placement This strategy focuses on using unleveled courses to create scaffolded rigor that results in diverse and well-prepared Advanced Placement (AP) classes. The adoption of this AP textbook directly supports the expansion and diversification of the AP curriculum.</li><li>○ Strategy 7: Rigorous and Evidence-Based English/Social Studies Programs The plan mandates providing coherent, rigorous, and evidence-based PK-12 programs fully aligned with Virginia standards, which includes the specialized evaluation process used for this textbook.</li></ul></li></ul>

<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	It is recommended that the Board review the recommended AP African American Studies Textbook and Instructional Materials for adoption on June 4, 2026.
<b>ACTION REQUIRED:</b>	None at this time. The Board will be asked to take action on June 4, 2026
<b>CONTACT PERSON(S):</b>	Dr. Anna Isley, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Alicen Brown, Coordinator of Social Studies and World Languages