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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION SHEET CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

DATE:	June 4, 2026
SUBJECT:	VDOE Community Schools Grant: Year 1 Implementation - Written Report: Dr. Johnson & Dr. Jones-Lewis
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	<p>The VDOE Community Schools Grant: Year 1 Implementation Written Report details Charlottesville City Schools' (CCS) 2025–2026 efforts to build a sustainable framework focused on student wellbeing, literacy, and community alignment. Rather than launching large-scale programming, Year 1 prioritized infrastructure-building, establishing evaluation tracking, and launching targeted student pilots like Bridge Builders, The LAB, and Power Crew. By coordinating with embedded organizations and expanding division volunteers to 1,218, CCS minimized service duplication and maximized public funds. Grant expenditures primarily funded core coordination, student literacy materials, after-school programming, and a mobile Family and Community Engagement Van to bridge neighborhood outreach barriers. To ensure long-term sustainability, CCS is transitioning day-to-day coordination to Abigail Ferguson under the supervision of Dr. T. Denise Johnson. Moving into Year 2, the division will utilize carryover funding to introduce school-level Community Schools Liaisons, mandate formalized partner agreements, and deploy grassroots neighborhood initiatives.</p>
STRATEGIC PLAN:	<p>Priority Area #1: Increasing Academic Achievement</p> <p>Priority Area #2: Provide a Culture of Safety, Wellness, and Belonging</p>
RECOMMENDATION:	The Superintendent recommends that the Board receive the Community Schools End of Year Update.
ACTION REQUIRED:	None
CONTACT PERSON(S):	Dr. T. Denise Johnson, Supervisor of Strategic Initiatives Dr. Sherica Jones-Lewis, Director of Community Schools