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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION SHEET CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

DATE:	August 6, 2026
SUBJECT:	Special Education Family Engagement Written Report - Rachel Rasnake
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	At the request of the school board, Rachel Rasnake, Director of Student Services, prepared the Special Education Family Engagement written report for Board information. The report provides a comprehensive overview of the district's initiatives to foster collaboration with families of students with disabilities. The report reviews the successful implementation of programs during the 2025-26 school year, such as the VA IEP Parent Portal and various community feedback sessions, while utilizing that input to outline strategic improvements for the 2026-27 academic year. By addressing parent feedback regarding communication and the need for clearer documentation, the report establishes a roadmap for continued family engagement, including established partnerships with the Parent Resource Center and new efforts like providing IEP summary documents during meet-and-greet events.
STRATEGIC PLAN:	● Family Engagement (Priority 2, Strategy 9): Supports Family Fun Nights and Transition Night. ● Communication Channels (Priority 2, Strategy 10): Aligns with the use of Parentsquare and the division newsletter. ● Engagement Teams (Priority 2, Strategy 11): Connects to SEAC meetings and parent-facilitated "Better Together" playdates. ● Community Partnerships (Priority 2, Strategy 12): Supports collaborations with the Parent Resource Center and YMCA. ● Specially-Designed Instruction (Priority 1, Strategy 9): Validates new efforts like IEP summary documents and clear case manager notifications.
RECOMMENDATION:	The Superintendent recommends the Board receive the Special Education Family Engagement written report.

ACTION REQUIRED:	None
CONTACT PERSON(S):	Rachel Rasnake, Director of Student Services