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Subject: FW: COVID-19 Update for School Board

Good evening,

Below you will find summaries of updates from each department that has an update to share. There may also be links or associated attachments included.

Office of the Superintendent (includes Chief of Staff and School Board Attorney)

1. My schedule since the last Update included the following appointments, among others:
 1. Cabinet and Rob Doolittle met again several times to collaborate on COVID-19 and other matters.
 2. Participated, along with Scott Ziegler, in a bi-weekly webinar for Virginia Division Superintendents hosted by Dr. James Lane.
 3. Updated Principals at their meeting.
 4. Presented to the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce's

Board of Directors on Wednesday morning.

5. Joined, along with Nyah Hamlett and Lottie Spurlock, a virtual Meet and Greet of MSAAC Leaders.
 6. Held monthly meeting with Tim Hemstreet, Erin McLellan, Kevin Lewis, and Sharon Willoughby.
 7. Was interviewed live by Chris Cuomo on CNN's Cuomo Prime Time Wednesday evening and by Fox 5 Morning News anchor Steve Chenevey today.
1. A Board member asked that we register for the VSBA webinar, "Reopening Public Schools: Personnel and Special Education Issues in a Changed World". You may view the recording of this webinar by following the link [here](#). The slides and handout from the presentation are attached. (pp. 1-59)
 2. [Registration for the 2020 #EdEquityVA Virtual Summit](#) is now open on a first come first served basis. Governor Ralph R. Northam, Virginia Secretary of Education, Atif Qarni and Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. James Lane typically kicks off the summit that brings together educators and leaders from across the state to explore the implications of institutional racism in public education and raise state discourse and action around courageous teaching and leading, equity, and the principles of anti-racism. Day one, August 5 is for Teachers, Principals, Instructional leaders, and Equity Coordinators and the second day, August 6 is for Superintendent Teams, Administrators, School Board Members, and Division Level Equity Leads. Both days will include a keynote address by Dr. Bettina Love, author of [We Want to Do More Than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom](#). In alignment with the mutually agreed upon professional learning plan referenced in the [LCPS Action Plan to Combat Systemic Racism](#) all sessions provided will focus on building an educator workforce that is positioned for anti-racism and cultural proficiency.
 3. Please see the attached email that Nyah Hamlett sent to Chair Randall's Chief of Staff in reference to the Action Plan to Combat Systemic Racism, the apology specifically. We thought that this may be helpful as Ian Serotkin mentioned the potential of the Board of Supervisors joining LCPS and LCSB in the apology to the Black community. (pp. 60-61)

Business and Finance

1. Sharon Willoughby provided a response to a recent email regarding the LCPS budget and the effect enrollment has on staffing. (pp. 62-63)

Department of Digital Information

1. Vince Scheivert provided a demographic breakdown of the return-to-learn selections made. (p. 64-65)

Department of Human Resources & Talent Development

1. Scott Ziegler shared a response to a Board member regarding the selection process for the assignment of staff to the hybrid learning and distance learning models. (pp. 66-67)

Optional Reading: Articles

Fox5 DC morning news story regarding LCPS decision, including live interview with Dr. Williams, July 23

<http://my.tvey.es/s3G5Y>

CNN's Cuomo Prime Time story regarding challenges for local school districts nationwide, including a live interview with Dr. Williams, July 22

<http://my.tvey.es/g7P6A>

WTOP story regarding LCPS decision to open with 100% distance learning, quoting superintendent's letter, July 23

<https://wtop.com/loudoun-county/2020/07/why-loudoun-co-decided-to-begin-the-school-year-with-virtual-learning/>

Patch.com story regarding reasons for switching to distance learning, quoting superintendent's letter, July 22

<https://patch.com/virginia/ashburn/s/h6p2h/loudoun-schools-superintendent-lists-reasons-going-virtual>

LoudounNow story regarding selection process for LCHS mascot, July 22

<https://loudounnow.com/2020/07/22/monday-deadline-set-for-raider-replacement-suggestions/>

LoudounNow story regarding LCPS board discussion in advance of decision to switch to 100% distance learning; includes link to reader poll regarding decision, July 22

<https://loudounnow.com/2020/07/22/loudoun-schools-now-to-open-with-100-distance-learning/>

Washington Post story regarding impact of area school closings on families, including Loudoun examples, July 22

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/it-feels-like-its-never-going-to-end-weary-dc-area-parents-brace-for-more-all-virtual-school/2020/07/22/b4828058-cc1e-11ea-bc6a-6841b28d9093_story.html

Letter to the Loudoun Times editor advocating for school construction,