



Board-to-Board

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A monthly report from the Albemarle County School Board to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors

EduStat University: EduStat University 2009, a national education leadership conference, was hosted by Albemarle County Public Schools in partnership with SchoolNet and the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education during the week on July 20th. The university offered principals, executive-level curriculum, technology, assessment and professional development staff, and other education leaders three days of thought-provoking keynote sessions, workshops and discussions led by learning, curriculum and technology experts on how data is and can be used to help create the most effective environments of 21st century learning.

This year's theme was "Reimagining Education" and leaders from across the country gathered to design solutions to support educators in preparing all students to excel in the digital and global economy. The conference was particularly relevant this year, as the Obama-Biden Education Reform Plan calls for school divisions to "develop better student assessments that allow teachers and parents to focus on individual needs and talents," to "integrate technology throughout the classroom" and "use technology to allow teachers to work collaboratively with their peers across the country to share best practices."

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant: The Charlottesville/Albemarle community will receive nearly \$6 million in federal funds over the next four years to support healthy childhood development as well as violence and substance abuse prevention in schools.

Charlottesville City Schools and Albemarle County Public Schools received a 2009 Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) grant from the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice.

The two school divisions collaborated with other local agencies, including Region Ten, the Curry School of Education, the Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families, and city/county police departments and local governments to create a unified program that will serve 35 schools and 17,000 students in both Charlottesville and Albemarle.

Only 29 localities nationwide were selected for this highly competitive grant.

August Meetings: The School Board will hold its regular meeting on August 13th and a work session on August 27th.