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Good Afternoon and Happy Friday Asheville City Schools Stakeholders,Â

Racial Academic Achievement Gap:Â Thank you to all the students, staff, parents and community members who showed up forÂ Tuesday's Homework DinerÂ at Asheville Middle School.Â Â Principal April Dockery did a fantastic job facilitating a discussion on the Racial Academic Achievement Gap.Â Â We will continue to have Cougar Talks and invite the community to join us we all play a role in closing the achievement gap.Â

Equity Collaborative Council:Â Additionally, a group of local leaders from across our community, including representatives from the City of Asheville, the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, Buncombe County Commissioners, MAHEC and United Way, met on Wednesday to discuss ways our community can assist Asheville City Schools in closing the achievement gap.Â Minutes from the meeting will be posted to Asheville City Schools' Excellence with Equity page upon completion.Â

Please see below for additional information in this week's Roundup:Â

1)Â **#60SecondsWithTheSuper**:Â Wonder what Dr.Â Patterson's been up to this week?Â In her latestÂ #60SecondsWithTheSuper, she gives us a glimpse into Do the Write Thing, a nationwide writing campaign that calls on 6th, 7th and 8th Graders to share their thoughts on the impact youth violence has made on their lives. This week, community volunteers have been reading studentÂ essays written by our Asheville Middle School and Montford North Star Academy students. Overall, one student winner will be selected from Asheville City Schools as well as one student from Buncombe County Schools.Â The winners will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for Do The Write Thing National Recognition Week.

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2)Â **Board of Education Work Session Notes:**Â Â In an effort to keep you informed, please take a look atÂ these notesÂ from the Asheville City Board of Education's work session from Monday, March 18th, 2019.Â They have been posted to the Asheville City Schools website.Â Full minutes of the meeting will be available after they are approved by the board and will be also posted on the ACS Board of Education web page.

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3)Â **Hall Fletcher Elementary's Frostbreaker 5K**:Â Calling all our running enthusiasts!Â Online registration may be closed, but you can still sign-up for tomorrow,Â **Saturday, March 23rd**'s,Â Hall Fletcher Elementary's Frostbreaker 5K!Â Â The race will be held at Carrier Park in West Asheville.Â Onsite registration opens up at 7:30AM.Â The Kid's Fun Run blasts off at 8:30AM, and the 5K will begin promptly at 9:00 AM.Â ClickÂ hereÂ for more information.

4)Â **Meet and Greet with Asheville High School's Interim Band Director:**Â Â Asheville High School's Interim Band Director, Mr. Mike Wilson, will start onÂ **Monday, March 25th**.Â There will also be a meet and greet that afternoon from 4:30 - 5:30 PM to give parents and community members the chance to introduce themselves to Mr. Wilson. All are welcome to attend!Â

5)Â **<u>Homework Diner</u>**:Â Â In partnership with the United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County, Asheville Middle Schoolâ€™s Homework Diners are certainly the place to be every Tuesday Night.Â It's your chance to learn more about the opportunities available right here in our community.Â Plus, a delicious dinner is always provided by Green Opportunities.Â Therefore, make plans to join us nextÂ **Tuesday, March 26th**Â from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.Â As always, all students and staff members are welcome to attend!

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6)Â **<u>Vance Elementary School Softball Field Update:</u>**Â Â The Asheville City Board of Education held a work session on Monday, March 18, 2019. At that meeting, the City of Asheville Parks and Recreation Director gave anÂ update on the softball field project. Asheville City Schools staff also provided updates. Information was shared about the input and questions regarding the softball field from the community meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2019.Â Â The City of Parks and Recreation will provide another update regarding the softball field.Â Â This public meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 27, 2019** at 6:00-7:00 pm in the gym at Vance Elementary School. We look forward to the updates and invite you to attend the meeting.

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7)Â **Ira B. Jones Elementary PresentsÂ *Mary Poppins, Jr*:Â** Â Talk about aÂ supercalifragilisticexpialidocious experience!Â See our Ira B. Jones Elementary School thespians in action as they presentÂ *Mary Poppins, Jr*.Â nextÂ **Thursday, March 28th**Â andÂ **Friday, March 29th**.Â Tickets go on sale at 6:00 PM with the show starting at 6:30 PM.Â Tickets can be purchased at the door - $4 for students and $6 for adults.Â

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8)Â **Cultivating an Anti-Bias Approach in Montessori Environments**:Â Join Asheville Primary School onÂ **Thursday, March 28th**Â from 1:00 - 2:30 PM as they discoverÂ best practices in implementing anÂ anti-biasÂ approach in their Montessori environment.Â Speaker Tammy Oesting will cover principles that set the stage for critical action in promoting healthy student identity.Â Using a tool to analyze their current approach to student identity and culture, attendees will acquire insight as to where to focus their energiesÂ duringÂ curriculum development.Â Participants will also gain a better understanding of their own cultural responsiveness and how to leverage their role to better serve their entire community.Â The event is FREE to attend.Â To RSVP, please emailÂ lauren.evans@acsgmail.net.Â

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9)Â **ClaxtonÂ Elementary'sÂ A Night at the Museum:**Â Â The entire community is invited to celebrate and support Claxton Elementary School during their Night at the Museum Auction!Â Please join us at the Asheville Museum of Science (AMOS) onÂ **Friday, March 29th**Â from 7:00 - 10:30 PM. This is Claxton PTOâ€™s largest fundraiser of the year, and proceeds from the event go to programs like the Playground Project, LEAF in Schools and Streets, Claxtonâ€™s Storytelling Festival, teacher mini-grants, field trip scholarships as well as books and supplies for classrooms. ClickÂ hereÂ for more information.Â

10)**Â Asheville City Schools FoundationÂ Grant Opportunites**:Â The Asheville City Schools Foundation is pleased to announce two new grant opportunities for ACS faculty and staff. These grants will be awarded this spring for use beginning this summer. The grant applications are easy to access and use google docs.Â TheÂ New Opportunities GrantÂ is forÂ up to $10,000/year for two yearsÂ (the school years of 2019-2020 and 2020-2021) and could be used for racial equity training for a school staff, students, and/or families, new opportunities for students (e.g., after-school programming) and stipends for staff work that directly creates opportunities for students.Â TheÂ Change Agents GrantÂ is forÂ up to $5,000Â and could be used for staff summer planning, training, and/or teaching improvements. This grant can supportÂ studentÂ or parent-led work. This grant is intended to create a specific change that will address a specific problem that can be addressed with additional time and resources over a short period of time.Â The deadline to apply has now been extended to nextÂ **Friday, March 29th**.Â Please contact Kate Pett atÂ Â kate.pett@acsgmail.netÂ for assistance and additional information.Â

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11)Â **Human Resources Highlights:**Â Know someone looking forÂ a job where they can learn, discover and thrive?Â Invite them to the Asheville City Schools Career Fair onÂ **Saturday, May 4th**Â at Claxton Elementary School from 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON.Â Â Registration is currentlyÂ here.Â Â

12)Â **#TopTweachers**:Â BetweenÂ Maeve Goldberg's Governor's School Selection,Â the First Day of Spring, andÂ Vance Elementary's STEAM Week, it's been one busy week for Asheville City Schools.Â Thank you to our #TopTwechers for keeping us up-to-date on all thingsÂ **#TheACSWay**!

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