



Resolution on Disability History and Awareness Month

Recognizing the Importance of Disability History and Awareness Month in Charlottesville City Public Schools

Whereas, the General Assembly recognized the importance of increasing public awareness and respect for persons with disabilities and informing the public about the many contributions to society and emphasizing the abilities of disabled persons; and

Whereas, public schools, institutions of higher education, the business community, civic organizations, and other interested entities are encouraged to promote and highlight Disability History and Awareness Month in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

Whereas, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 was enacted to end disability-based discrimination, and to promote inclusion, full participation, economic self-sufficiency and equality of opportunity for all people with disabilities; and

Whereas, research has shown that students with disabilities encounter more difficulty being accepted by their peers, making friends and becoming involved in school and community-based clubs than non-disabled students; and

Whereas, the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, and the Virginia Commonwealth University partnership for People with Disabilities have provided public service announcements and have sent a DVD containing the public service announcements to each director of special education in Virginia; and

Whereas, Charlottesville City Schools strongly believes in having the highest expectations for students with disabilities and that each school should strive to have every student attempt to obtain a standard diploma; and

Whereas, Charlottesville City Schools believes that students with disabilities make significant academic and social progress when educated in general education environments; and

Whereas, Charlottesville City Schools in 2023-2024 served almost 600 students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and

RESOLVED, that the Charlottesville City Schools (CCS) supports Disability History and Awareness Month to increase respect for persons with disabilities and inform the public concerning their many contributions to society; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that CCS principals and teachers are encouraged, through educational and other appropriate activities, programs and events, to promote and highlight Disability History and Awareness Month in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This 10th day of October of the year 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Torres". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Chair, Charlottesville City School Board

October 10, 2024

Date