

School Reassignment: Westhaven Community



Charlottesville City Schools History: A Timeline

1954

Brown v. Board of Education

Supreme Court rules in Brown v. Board of Education that racial segregation of children in public schools is unconstitutional.

1958

Massive Resistance

The U.S. District Court orders ten black students to Venable and two to Lane. but instead of complying, the two schools are closed and private schools open to teach white students

1959

Desegregation

The "Charlottesville 12" desegregate Venable and Lane

1965

Westhaven to McGuffey

School Board adopts a "neighborhood schools" plan, however Westhaven attended McGuffey

1967

Busing Begins

School Board approves plan to bus Black students to other elementary schools



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1973

McGuffey Closes

Westhaven students are bused to Burnley-Moran

2003

10th & Page Reassignment

School Board reassigns the 10th & Page Neighborhood to Venable.

2019

Westhaven Given Choice

In 2019, while working in partnership with City of Promise, Westhaven Families were provided a choice to attend Venable or stay at Burnley-Moran.

2022

Westhaven Reassignment

A presentation made to the School Board which requests Westhaven be reassigned to attend their neighborhood school- Venable

Next...



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We are requesting:

- Venable become the assigned school for students in Westhaven community, effective immediately for new students. Most students at Westhaven have already transitioned to Venable.
 - Community conversations will occur throughout this year, as needed.
- All current BME students will have the option to remain at BME for 2023-2024 and until they complete BME, if they complete an out of zone application and provide transportation.
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At Burnley-Moran, we currently have the following students from the Westhaven Community:

KG - 3

1st grade- 0

2nd grade- 6

3rd grade-3

4th grade - 1



Resources...

- Dallas Crowe's Dissertation-DESEGREGATION OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 1954-1969: A CASE STUDY- Provided to CCS by Eugene Williams
- Charlottesville City Schools- <http://charlottesvilleschools.org/timeline>
- Virginia Department of Historic Resources-
<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/104-0072-0300/>
- "You're Still Black"-
<https://www.propublica.org/article/charlottesville-other-jim-crow-legacy-separate-and-unequal-education>
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Discussion

