A Life Well-Lived, Not Long-Enough

Dave Evans devoted his time to help schools, athletic associations and needs-based organizations; helping the neediest, youngest and hungriest.

By Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck

With deep sadness, I have to share the news of the sudden loss of one of our finest community members, Dave Evans. A member of the Mount Vernon community for 30 years, Dave’s ethics, leadership, caring, and business skills made our community a better place. He devoted his time to help our schools, athletic associations and needs-based organizations; helping the neediest, youngest and hungriest members of our community. Dave also built La Prima Food Group, one of the largest catering firms in the Metro region, employing almost 200 people. He will be missed for all of those things and especially by his lifelong friend — me.

The loves of Dave’s life were his “girls”: his partner and wife of 47 years, Teresa; daughters Elizabeth, Margaret and Madeleine; and granddaughter Eleanor. He was an over-the-moon, proud #girl dad.

Working with numbers came easily to Dave, who transferred that skill to his early work as a CPA and later as a business owner. He used his financial skills to make things work for other people, as a long-serving FHYAA Treasurer, a board member of multiple non-profit organizations and an ethical employee. This numerical acumen was a natural accompaniment to his true passion: baseball. A life-long Mets fan, Dave channelled his love of baseball into supporting his girls as a softball coach, groundskeeper and league manager for more than a decade — as well as a regular at Orioles, and later Nationals, games.

Dave’s decades-long service to Burgundy Farm Country Day School as a board member and benefactor helped to build on their commitments to the natural world, environmental learning and sustainability. These same values and commitments ran deep in his daily life, from his frequent bicycle commuting to collaboration between La Prima and organic farmers, including daughter Margaret’s Groundworks Farm. These business collaborations and other commitments to sustainable business practices earned La Prima the distinction of being the highest rated green caterer in the Metro area.

Affordable housing along the Richmond Highway Corridor is never easy. While serving on the board of Good Shepherd Housing, Dave used his leadership, people, and spreadsheet skills to build relationships with CapitalOne and Fairfax County that accelerated affordable housing acquisitions. During the past few years, Dave has been a board member and Vice President of United Community (formerly UCM). As Allison DeCourcey, Executive Director, shared with me when she heard the news, “He was a game changer, playing a SIGNIFICANT role in raising up United Community with professional, needed expertise, and pragmatism, always focused on best serving our vulnerable community.” Yep, that’s Dave.

When we met the summer before our first year of high school, our difference in appearance belied the many similarities we shared in our commitments to people and community — and later in our lives to business and public service. Doing things the RIGHT way, with integrity, always mattered and was the central principle of Dave’s life and work with others.

My favorite personal memories of Dave will always include his love of football and pride in blocking for the future two-time Heisman Award winner, Archie Griffin (which made for much bantering over the years); the beat-up 1960 Studebaker which served as the high school class’ shuttle; and our shared love of the Grand Canyon, hiking and exercise. It was his inspiration and our collaboration that created the Tour de Mount Vernon community bike ride, now in its fifth year.

During the past several months, our worlds have turned upside down, but we are grounded by the constant of family and the friends we turn to. And we will have metrics to begin determining the best time to let the people you care about know how much they mean to you and the difference they’ve made in your life.

So my best friend from adolescence to becoming grandfathers, my brother, my advisor in all of life’s living: I will be loving you and missing you forever. Thankfully, I am not alone and will be supported by so many others whose lives you impacted. Thank you for sharing a life rich with integrity and caring with your family, friends, employees and community.

For others who wish to share a public or private message or memory of Dave, please go to the link https://bit.ly/DHE20, where his family has set up a message board for the community.

Moving Schools to Dismantle Systemic Racism

NAACP holds virtual Town Hall.

By Mercia Hobson

The Connection

Fairfax County NAACP held a virtual Town Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 5. President Sean Perryman moderated discussion between Education Committee Chair Sujatha Hampton, Ph.D., Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Scott Brabrand, Ed.D., and other staff. They focused on Fairfax County NAACP Education Committee Priorities 2020-2021 created to ensure educational equality of rights and eliminate race-based discrimination in the school district.

Throughout the 90-minute conversation, Hampton challenged Brabrand to live up to the school district’s ideals, push for change and employ metrics and firm deadlines to goals.

“I’m watching you like a hawk,” Hampton said.

Brabrand responded that in partnership, they should “watch together and learn together. … I’m committed to doing the work … I am serious as the leader of this system, about taking us where we need to go and I want to be a partner with the NAACP in doing that,” Brabrand said.

The Town Hall began with a discussion on COVID-19 and how to protect vulnerable FCPS students, faculty and staff. Perryman said they couldn’t talk about systemic racism without talking about COVID and the shutdown of schools. It was going to impact Black students as well as students of color disproportionately.

Brabrand said he could not expose many inequities in the school system. “We are going to do everything we can to have a very strong virtual start and have all of our kids connected. And we will have metrics to begin the conversation with the community about how we can deliberately, carefully, safely ease back into school,” he said.

Hampton said she and others in health and science fields were not comfortable with information the County’s Health Department shared.

As a solution, Brabrand said he was working with the Virginia Department of Health and County Health Department for guidelines and metrics. They would establish decision-making policies on how to dial-up or, if necessary, dial-down students attending in-person school. The district would make certain health conditions were as low risk as possible. Brabrand announced the public would see the “first draft at our August 18 Work Session.”

HAMPION voiced concern that the majority of County support staff who worked with vulnerable school populations had not been reached to participate in earlier district surveys. According to Hampton, unions repre-
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Night Court

Lawmakers to consider eliminating no-knock warrants and creating new hurdles for nighttime search warrants.

By Michael Lee Pope

The sad and tragic case of how a police department in Kentucky mishandled the execution of a warrant after midnight has prompted soul-searching among police agencies and law-enforcement officers across the country. Now lawmakers in Virginia are about to consider banning no-knock warrants and creating a new requirement that judges — not magistrates — sign off on search warrants executed at night.

“Kicking down people’s doors in the middle of the night is bad,” said Andrew Elders, policy director for an advocacy group known as Justice Forward Virginia, pressing lawmakers for reform. “It creates volatile situations where people are more likely to feel threatened, and someone is more likely to get hurt in the end.”

Members of the General Assembly will be returning to Richmond next week for a special session to rewrite the budget in the wake of COVID and consider a host of criminal-justice reforms. Although the special session on criminal justice reform was called in response to the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, the death of Breonna Taylor in Louisville has sparked calls for reforming how no-knock warrants are executed, especially in the dead of night. Last week, Senate Democrats introduced a bill to eliminate no-knock warrants and require a judge to sign off on nighttime search warrants.

“All that does is allow a criminal to hang up a shield to say they’re in business at night,” said Herndon Police Chief Maggie DeBoard. “Criminals with full rein to run their sex trafficking and all the things they do at night without us having the ability to quickly get into a residence or an establishment anywhere where we don’t have the legal right to be without a search warrant.”

HERE IN ALEXANDRIA, police executed six no-knock warrants in 2018 and five in 2019. For this year, according to Alexandria Police Department spokesman Courtney Ballantine, one no-knock warrant has been issued so far this year in the city. He says the police department views these kinds of warrants as a necessary way to handle difficult situations a handful of times each year.

“Banning them concerns us because there is a reason for them,” said Ballantine. “It’s either to take somebody into custody who’s very violent or has the potential to be violent or to protect evidence.”

The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police opposes the effort to ban no-knock warrants, setting up a clash next week in Richmond between law-enforcement agencies and the Democrat majorities in the House and Senate. When Democrats finally seized power earlier this year after a generation out of power, they ended up delaying most of them while the Virginia Crime Commission studied various proposals. Now that the issue is red hot because of nationwide protests in reaction to the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, House and Senate Democrats are feeling the heat to take action now.

“It would be my preference that we not say the police can enter your home without announcing themselves,” said Claire Gastanaga, executive director of the ACLU of Virginia. “I want to be sure that when warrants are served on people, they are done with probable cause and that they are done in a way that’s respectful of the person’s inherent right against search and seizure, particularly in their own home.”

THE ROLE OF JUDGES is a central part of the debate. See Night Court, Page 9.
Alexandria teen’s Eagle Scout project now part of Fairfax County Rescue squads’ toolkit.

By Mike Salmon
The Connection

A large part of 17-year-old Adrian Allred’s life has been immersing himself in the Boy Scouts, and recently Adrian created “Adrian’s Resource Care Kits,” to earn his Eagle Scout Badge. Adrian’s kits are full of materials that are described as anxiety and autism comfort items, and as a part of his eagle badge requirements, Adrian supplied the kit to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to use as a tool when they are responding to calls that involve autistic people or people in extreme anxiety.

But more than that, it’s a way for him, a teen who is high functioning autistic, to help others with all levels of autism. Completing the steps for the badge was another way to work out of his comfort zone, while achieving a goal, helping rescue squads responding to autistic individuals.

“It’s been great for him,” said his mother Jennifer Allred. “This has helped him work with his communication skills.”

The kit contains headphones, sensory balls, fidget spinners, pipe cleaners, stretchy men and flavored tongue depressors, which are Adrian’s favorite. These kits are now carried by 42 medic units in Fairfax County, and when they are working with an individual with autism or calls involving mental health crises, the kit might be just the thing they need to help induce calm while the rescue workers tend to the task at hand.

The resource kit, called the “ARC,” was used recently when Medic 421 was responding to a situation in the Fair Oaks area where a nonverbal child was found alone near the station. They introduced the ARC kit, and this kept the child’s attention while the rescue squad investigated the situation. Officials said this was a success.

There is a video on the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department website about ARC, and at the end, letters flash up on the screen, “Thank You Adrian!”

Adrian’s pretty humble about all the attention.

“It’s interesting,” Adrian said.

From Cub Scout to Seascouts

The Boy Scouts of America have been an ideal organization for Adrian, since his days as a Cub Scout in Pack 1509 in Fort Hunt. Although the family now lives in the Virginia Hills area of Alexandria, Adrian is affiliated with the Sea Scout program at Belle Haven Marina off the George Washington Memorial Parkway. There he is part of “Draken 818,” a Sea Scout Troop. “He enjoys the Sea Scout program,” said Jennifer Allred. “Boy Scouts has been fantastic for him,” she said.

Last year, at the jamboree in Summit, West Virginia, Adrian was there for 10 days, interacting with 45,000 scouts from all over the world, and his mother could see this was helping Adrian. “It changes your focus,” to be at an event like this, she said.
Celebrate Women’s Suffrage Month at Workhouse Arts Center

With the upcoming Centennial of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote in the United States, the Workhouse Arts Center is holding special Thursday evening Drive-In movies, a Girl Scout Gold Award Project virtual event and a suffrage-related art exhibit, all planned for the month of August.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment in 2020 the museum presents the story of the imprisonment of the 72 Suffragists at the Occoquan Workhouse in 1917, and an event on these grounds that marked a turning point in the Women’s suffrage movement. The Lucy Burns Museum will honor 93 years of prison history on the site — the Workhouse Arts Center funded, designed, and renovated a new museum, restoring a decrепit prison building vacated in 2001. Peeling paint and rusting cell bars gave way to a space to tell the story of the women imprisoned at the Workhouse a century ago for demanding the right to vote. The sacrifices of these heroic suffragists are honored in the museum.

Thursday evening Drive-In Movies: Bold Women in History Film Series will be held every Thursday evening at the Workhouse Arts Center. “We are honored that the Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission approached us to feature movies about powerful and bold women in history at our Drive-In theater,” said Workhouse Board Member Anna Layman, Executive Director of the Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission.

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See Suffrage Month, Page 7
When social distancing is in order, Huntley Meadows Park is the perfect spot to escape from the pandemic rumors, social media finger pointing, and quarantining that is driving some of us crazy.

Huntley Meadows is a park dominated by wetlands and forests that occupies a space from Telegraph Road to Lockheed Boulevard in southeast Fairfax County. It is a great place for bird watching and hiking, with a half-mile boardwalk portion of the trail that goes out over the wetlands. Left alone, silt would fill in and the wetlands would disappear and it would eventually return to a forest like other parts of the county in this area.

Huntley Meadows Park contains 1,261 acres of diverse habitats including meadows, wetlands, and forest. To date, 321 species of wildflowers have been identified in the park and more than 200 bird species have been identified in the wetlands of Huntley Meadows Park.

In addition to the wetlands area, Huntley Meadows is home to the Historic Huntley mansion, a Federal period villa built for Thomson Francis Mason in 1825 as a summer retreat. This house is located near the main entrance to Huntley Meadows Park. Historic Huntley is on the National Register of Historic Places, the Virginia Landmarks Register and the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites. Over the years, Historic Huntley was used as a summer retreat, a grain farm, encampment for Civil War troops of the 3rd Michigan Infantry, and eventually was converted to a dairy farm. Ownership changed several times, and in later years, the house endured considerable vandalism, before the county bought it in 1989.

Throughout the year, Huntley Meadows is home to many county-sponsored activities such as nature photography, art classes, nature walks and historic presentations. The following activities are scheduled at Huntley Meadows in August:

**NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY**
08/14/2020 10:00 am  
(Adults) Learn how to use a DSLR and tripod to capture images of the natural world around us.

**WETLAND AT DUSK WALK**
08/15/2020 7:45 pm  
(Adults) Join park naturalists for a relaxing stroll through Huntley Meadow Park’s forest and wetland paths.

**NATURE DRAWING LEAVES**
08/22/2020 10:00 am  
(Adults) Leaves come in many shapes, sizes and colors and are important parts that allow plants to thrive. Drawing leaves is a fun way to improve your observational skills. Join Huntley Meadows Park naturalists as we develop our drawing skills practicing with various leaf shapes.

**SECRETS, SPIES, SPUTNIK AND HUNTLEY**
08/23/2020 10:00 am  
(Adults) Take a stroll on the less visited side of Huntley Meadows Park to uncover a history of spies and espionage.

*See Huntley Meadow, Page 9*
**Suffrage Month**

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Movies begin on Thursday, Aug. 13 and include Harriet, Moana, Suffragette and A League of Their Own. Tickets and more information here [https://www.workhousearts.org/drive-in-movies/](https://www.workhousearts.org/drive-in-movies/).

In addition, South County High School student and Girl Scout, Emma Skog, will host a virtual Girl Scout Gold Award project called “100 Years Later: How Women Got the Right to Vote.” For her project, she developed children’s educational materials for the Lucy Burns Museum.

The event will take place on Aug. 18, 2020, the actual centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, and will include an introduction to Lucy Burns, a time travel puppet show, an interview with Laura McKenzie, Lucy Burns Museum director, and a game about women’s firsts. There will also be fun activities and prizes.

“I selected this project because I feel it’s important to learn about injustices and understand our history, and many kids in my area don’t know that a significant historic event happened right near us. Many of us take our rights for granted, so it’s important to see what efforts and struggles these women went through,” said Emma Skog, creator of the project.

To register for the event please visit [https://www.workhousearts.org/lucyburnsmuseum](https://www.workhousearts.org/lucyburnsmuseum).

Workhouse Arches Gallery and award winning artist Julia Dzikiewicz is displaying her Suffrage related mixed media art in the Workhouse Muse Gallery in Building W-16. When Julia realized that she was creating art in the same place that suffragists engaged in protest that swayed national opinion and eventually won women the right to vote, she began a series of large and small paintings honoring the suffragists.

“The power of art is only partially held in what viewers see on the canvas. The true power is in changing how viewers see the rest of their lives. In my encaustic paintings, layering wax like the accumulation of history, I seek to remind women and girls of their potential to change the world,” said artist Julia Dzikiewicz.

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August COVID-19 Update

Cases here in Northern Virginia have remained steady on a downward trend; the same cannot be said about the rest of the country.

By Delegate Paul Krizek

As we head deeper into summer, I wanted to provide you with the latest news with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our cases here in Northern Virginia have remained steady on a downward trend, even a month into our Phase 3 reopening, which means that our community has been diligent in following the facial covering regulations, staying home as much as possible, and have maintained physical distancing wherever possible. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said about the rest of the country.

COVIDWISE App: Last week, Governor Northam and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) announced that the Commonwealth is launching a new free app that will notify users if they may have come into contact with another app user who has tested positive for COVID-19. Virginia is the first state in the nation to use this technology. The roll-out of this revolutionary app will give Virginia a significant leg up with contact tracing, and will hopefully help to continue flattening the curve and controlling the spread of COVID-19.

According to Virginia Department of Health, the app is designed to protect each users’ privacy. The app does not collect, use, or store any of your personal information or location data. It does not ask for your name, address, email, etcetera. Your device will not share your identity or personal information. Instead, the exposure notification system is based on Bluetooth Low Energy and uses anonymous tokens. On a daily basis, your phone downloads a list of all the anonymous tokens associated with positive COVID-19 cases and checks them against the list of anonymous tokens it has encountered in the last 14 days. If there’s a match, the app will notify you with further instructions on how to get yourself tested.

If you test positive for COVID-19, the app makes it easy to report your positive test. The app would then notify any individuals you have been in contact with during the last 14 days who also use the app, so that they can take precautionary measures. I encourage everyone to download this free app, available through iOS and Android, as the app is designed to be more effective as more app users increase. I hope that this app can help give Virginians some more peace of mind as we go about our days while wearing our masks and physical distancing because I know it has done so for my staff and family.

EVICTION STAY Governor Northam has also announced that the Supreme Court of Virginia has issued a stay on evictions through Sept. 7, at his request. I applaud this move, as I joined with my colleagues in sending a letter to the Governor earlier this month requesting this action. The new moratorium began on Monday, Aug. 10, and will remain in effect through Monday, Sept. 7. Until that date, all eviction proceedings related to failure to pay rent will be halted. The reality is that evictions will still be a problem one month from now. The economic ramifications of so many families being forced from their homes in a matter of weeks would be catastrophic. There must be a more permanent and sustainable solution to help families stay in their homes during this pandemic.

HUNGER HELP: It is refreshing to see so many companies and nonprofits throughout Virginia come together with our state government to provide resources to help families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. One example, Sentara Healthcare and Optima Health, in partnership with Truist, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Federation of Virginia Food Banks, have kicked off a new statewide initiative to bolster Virginia’s emergency food support system. The “We Care” COVID-19 Emergency Food Support Plan has begun at food banks across the state, and will provide free and accessible meals to families during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Letters to the Editor

No to Belle View Shopping Center Redevelopment Proposal

To the Editor:

The Belle View Shopping Center is located in a Community Planning Sector, a Suburban Neighborhood, according to Fairfax County. Suburban Neighborhoods, according to the County, are planned for little to no change in land use. The County also recommends that any infill development be of compatible use, type, and intensity with the surrounding areas. The Shopping Center plan fails badly on compatible intensity. The Belle View Shopping Center plan is more suitable for a commercial area along Richmond Highway, not in the middle of a completely built-out 60-year-old suburban neighborhood.

If the owners say they are concerned about the future of the “car-oriented” shopping center in 20 years, they should come back in 10 years with a proposal. That is an adequate real estate planning time frame.

This plan proposes too much density for a built-out suburban neighborhood that already has a lot of traffic. There is also no ability to increase traffic capacity in this old neighborhood.

This proposal should not be added to the Comprehensive Plan.

Jim Gearing

Opinion
over search warrants, and many lawmakers believe they should play a greater role in signing off on search warrants — especially search warrants that are executed at night. Last week, Senate Democrats introduced a bill requiring that search warrants “shall be executed only in the daytime unless a judge authorizes the execution of such search warrant.” It’s a proposal that has the support of the newly formed Progressive Prosecutors for Justice, which includes commonwealth’s attorneys from Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax County.

“A magistrate is going to look at probable cause, and they’re not going to ask any questions concerning whether there’s a safety issue,” said Hampton Commonwealth’s Attorney Anton Bell, a member of the Progressive Prosecutors for Justice. “The safety aspects of what we are trying to achieve far outweighs anyone’s inconvenience.”

The proposal to require judges to sign off on nighttime search warrants illustrates a divide among prosecutors. While the idea has the support of the Progressive Prosecutors for Justice, the Virginia Association of Commonwealth’s Attorneys has no position on the issue. And several prosecutors across Virginia have criticized the idea. Flavanna Commonwealth’s Attorney Jeff Haislip is the president of the association, and he says would end up creating more problems than it solves.

“I think having to do them during the daytime hours would be very difficult for law-enforcement officers to do their job,” said Haislip. “They need to act when they can act, and I don’t see anything wrong with serving a search warrant at night.”

THE SPECIAL SESSION this year comes as a time when Democrats are still figuring out how to handle their new role in the majority. It also comes at a time when House Democrats and Senate Democrats are divided over how to approach the issue. Senate Democrats have already released their package on policing reform while House Democrats have yet to outline their proposal. That means police agencies and sheriff’s offices are weighing in on the Senate bill, including some rural parts of Virginia that don’t have as many judges as urban areas.

“We’re talking about amending that to say if a judge isn’t available, then they can go to a magistrate,” said Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36). “We haven’t agreed on that yet. We’re talking about it.”

Judges in Virginia are selected by the General Assembly, a tradition that dates back to the commonwealth’s history with English common-law. South Carolina is the only other state where judges are selected almost exclusively through legislative selection, and every year brings a new round of drama over which judges are installed at courthouses across Virginia. Magistrates, on the other hand, are appointed by the executive secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia. We have more oversight over judges, and they tend to be better trained and better informed,” said Del Mark Levine (D-45). “Because of our oversight, I can rail against the ones who make bad decisions. Whereas the magistrates who make bad decisions are kind of nameless and faceless and under our control in any significant way.”

### Night Court

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**Huntley Meadows**

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**WETLAND AT DUSK WALK**

08/29/2020 7:30 pm

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"Extensive Metastatic Disease"

BY KENNETH R. LOURIE

Well I certainly don’t like the sound of that and I especially didn’t like reading it in the “impressions” part of the radiologist’s report. I received Friday summarizing the previous Wednesday’s PET scan. Though hardly a surprise given a thoracic surgeon’s description of my original PET scan 11 and 1/2 years ago, “You look like a Christmas tree.” Still, I would have rather read something a bit less ominous. But I don’t suppose being diagnosed with two types of cancer (non small cell lung stage IV and papillary thyroid, stage II) lends itself to a “bit less ominous.” Besides, ‘less ominous’ left the building in late February 2009 when I was first diagnosed with a “terminal” disease: non small cell lung cancer.

Not to mention the weighty, heavy dose of reality but, as Tom Sellick says on his recent television commercial for AAG: “This isn’t my first rodeo.” And thereby statement of fact from the radiologist the first less-than-encouraging news I’ve heard and seen. To invoke Jack Maloney (Curly) from “City Slickers” [1991], “I **** bigger than that.” I’ve been living with a version of these words for 11 1/2 years. Tell me something I don’t know.

Nevertheless, I’ll find out what it all means soon enough. Though it might be a bit of a re-heel off from a few columns ago stating that since all the tumors in my lungs can’t be biopsied, practically proceeding, my oncologist will never know for certain exactly what of what type of cancer I have. And since one medicine - from what I’ve been told, can’t treat both cancers, life expectancy, treatment plan and my health at best. Presumably, we’ll treat the cancer which is most prevalent, most aggressive and most treatable/curable? I can only hope that while waiting for the biopsy may be the storm before the calm or results - in future CT scans. This pending and placed in a new protocol and see the.

Hampton introduced the second Educ- tor Priority of Fairfax NAACP to create an effective model for the Equity and Cultur- al Responsiveness Team by the end of the academic year. Brabrand said after hearing concerns voiced by members of NAACP and others regarding the new Chief Equity Aca- demic Officer position, he changed course. He intended to decouple the role and in- stead create two jobs. One would be Chief Equity Officer with a full range for the entire organization and the other Chief Academic Officer; “I would seek a national consultant to assist me in hiring both those key posi- tions,” Brabrand said.

Hampton said they were there to help and might have perspectives not yet consid- ered: “You cannot achieve radical transformation, with exactly the same profile and exactly the same people at the table. It is not possi- ble; and assuming anti-racism is a fairly new thing for systems to be considering, you have to be looking for somebody completely new, a totally different mindset,” she said. Hampton offered Brabrand side-by-side “Traditional vs. Anti-Racist” job descriptions. Brabrand and Hampton turned their atten- tion to racial bias viewed through the lens of the disproportionate number of behavior incidents in the schools involving Black and brown children. Although the district provid- ed School-Based Intervention Programs for behavioral consulting system and tech- nicians, psychologists, social workers and restor- ative justice specialists, district data showed an over-representation of Black and brown children. According to Hampton, the mostly white teacher workforce “clearly have some is- sues because Black kids are not so bad.” She said, “I don’t think we have teachers who are feeling threatened for their students because of being honest about some of the things that are happening, that might have perspectives not yet consid- ered.”

Hampton and Brabrand discussed the estab- lishment of the Equity and Culture Responsiveness Team by the end of the academic year. Brabrand said there would be new behav- iors and changes in the student’s ADHD, and the Board of Education Chair. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key positions. Officer. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key posi- tions. Officer. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key posi- tions. Officer. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key posi- tions. Officer. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key posi- tions. Officer. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key posi- tions. Officer. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key posi- tions. Officer. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key posi- tions. Officer. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key posi- tions. Officer. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key posi- tions. Officer. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key posi- tions. Officer. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key posi- tions. Officer. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key posi- tions. Officer. “I would seek a national consultant to assist us in hiring both those key posi-
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