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COUGAR CALL! Friday, February 28th

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Happy Friday Cougars! There are so many amazing things happening in Asheville City Schools. From events that empower educators, to students demonstrating leadership, joy, and imagination in their schools and beyond, we are proud of our community's commitment to the promise and value of public education.

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Asheville City Schools Board of Education

WORK SESSION MONDAY, MARCH 3RD

The ACS Board of Education will hold a Work Session on Monday, March 3rd at 5:00PM. Work, Regular, and Open Session Board Meetings will have a Spanish Speaking Interpreter. The following topics are a summary of what our board plans to discuss and deliberate. For an all-inclusive list of agenda topics, please click the "view the agenda" button below. To view the recording of the meeting, click the "watch the livestream" button below.

POSSIBLE ACTION/CONSENT ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- Student Releases to Buncombe County
- 2024-2025 Summer Program Plan
- School Nutrition
- Contracts/MOUS
- Policies Second Read

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Policies First Read

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Strategic Plan Update and Board Discussion
- Meet, Confer, Collaborate Procedures
- Board Norms
- ACS Standing Committees
- Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Remember, you can subscribe for board updates via diligent or by clicking on the links below!









Congratulations Heidi Kerns!

ASHEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

We are thrilled to announce that Heidi Kerns, Chief Finance Officer at Asheville City Schools, has been honored with the 2025 Lou Thompson Distinguished Service Award by the North Carolina Association of School Business Officials (NCASBO)!

Heidi's incredible 30+ year career in school finance, spanning South Carolina, Rutherford County, and now Asheville City Schools, has made her an invaluable asset to our community. Her leadership, willingness to share her expertise, and dedication to fiscal integrity truly embody the spirit of this award. Congratulations, Heidi!



Senior Spotlights!

We are so proud of the exceptional graduating seniors of Asheville City Schools. You've reached a milestone that deserves to be celebrated with joy and pride. As you prepare to embark on your next chapter, we want to take a moment to honor the memories you've made and the impact you've had on our community.

We're creating a special senior spotlight on our social media platforms, and we want YOU to be a part of it! Share your favorite high school memories, the clubs and activities that shaped your experience, and the people who made your journey special. Let us know what exciting plans you have for the future, whether it's travel, further education, or career aspirations.

Click the link below to fill out our senior spotlight form and let us showcase your achievements and celebrate your transition into the next phase of your life. This is your moment to shine, Cougars! Let's make this graduation season one to remember.

Click Here to Submit a Senior Spotlight!



Clawsome Cougar Awards

Our Cougar Crew is the heart of Asheville City Schools, collaborating with students and families to ensure that every child thrives and reaches their full potential. We want to celebrate their dedication by recognizing staff who exemplify our Three Promises: *Creating a Sense of Belonging, Engaging in Challenging Learning, and Making Every Second Count.* Click the link below to nominate a deserving staff member today!

Nominate a Clawsome Cougar!



Black Heritage Event at Lucy S. Herring

Lucy S. Herring Elementary students experienced a powerful moment today, stepping back in time to meet Rosa Parks. Through a captivating Chautauqua performance by TAPAS Artist Becky Stone, students delved into Rosa Parks' remarkable life and the pivotal Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1956. The interactive session allowed for insightful questions, bridging the gap between historical figure and present-day understanding. The day was further enriched by vibrant dance performances and readings by Black ACS staff, along with a spirited visit from the Asheville High School Cheerleaders, creating a truly memorable and impactful learning experience for all.



Career and Technical Education Career Fair

Asheville High and SILSA students immersed themselves in the world of career possibilities today at the Career and Technical Education Department's Career Fair. They explored diverse health-related careers, connected with college students pursuing medical programs, and enjoyed culinary creations from the Foods II class. Our CTE Department is committed to providing students with hands-on learning and real-world opportunities, fostering their passion and preparing them for successful careers. Thank you, CTE!



Behind every successful classroom and school in Asheville City Schools is a dedicated team ensuring our staff are supported and empowered. Meet the Curriculum and Instruction Team! Their mission is to provide all staff with the training, support, and resources necessary to ensure pedagogical and content knowledge so they can create responsive classroom cultures where students feel emotionally, intellectually, culturally, and physically safe and valued. This team is the backbone of our Cougar Crew and we're incredibly grateful for their commitment to our district!

Thanks for reading, Cougars! We hope you have a wonderful weekend!


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