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## Board defers new Ashley school

### Fight for new building before 2024 continues

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With a number of #ActionForAshley supporters in attendance, board members voted earlier this week to move forward with a schematic plan for a new middle school in the northwest portion of the city.

Earlier this year, faculty, staff, and students at Ashley Academy for Cultural and Global Studies complained that lingering mold in the school was causing upper respiratory problems. After air quality test results showed mold growth and mold samples inside several HVAC units, board members voted to clean the HVAC units and replace the units at the end of the school year.

#ActionForAshley, a group of community activists who have vowed to stand up for the students parents, teachers, and faculty, believe the only way to make things



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right at Ashley is to build a new school. And on May 22 more than two dozen activists carrying signs demanding a new school delivered their message directly to the board.

While the Board of Education hasn't



Jabbar

totally said 'No' to a new Ashley, they have basically told supporters 'not right now.' Although plans for a new school were included in the 2016 Bond Proposal, construction isn't scheduled to begin until 2024.

During the board meeting on Tuesday, June 12, city native and longtime community activist Al Jabbar raised questions about transparency on the part of the board. He also questioned the distribution of tax dollars to certain schools.

"We should not be coming forward and listening to someone who can't make a report with dates that's attributed to the work they're suppose to be doing," he said. "We hold you accountable as a school board to ensure these things happen. You pay people hundreds and thousands of dollars to do this work and you don't hold them accountable.

"We look for better results in the future. I pray I don't have to come before you again with this same concern, but I will."

When it came time to vote on a schematic plan for a new middle school on

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Students from Carver High School cheer on their fellow classmates during the commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 9 at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Annex.

## Alumna to grads: Fight through struggles

### Attorney Nicole Little awards \$500 scholarship to Carver student

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Triumph over tragedy. That was the parting message from Attorney Nicole Little to the graduating seniors at Carver High School last weekend.

"Today marks the closing of one chapter of your life and the beginning of a new journey. Get excited," said Little. "There is a world of endless opportunities out there waiting for you to take it."

As a 2009 Carver graduate, less than 10 years ago, Little sat in the same seats the Class of 2018 occupied last

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Charity Wardlow, a graduating senior at Carver High School, receives a \$500 scholarship from Attorney Nicole Little last weekend.

## W-S Bar names scholarship for Hayes and Atty. Annie Kennedy

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In honor of the late Judge Roland Hayes, and Attorney Annie Brown Kennedy, the Winston-Salem Bar Association has established a \$1,000 scholarship.

Since 1984, the Winston-Salem Bar Association (WSBA), which is comprised of primarily African-American attorneys and attorneys of color, has worked to promote equality, enhance professionalism and encourage educational achievement.



Photo by Tevin Stinson  
Forsyth County Resident Superior Court Judge Todd Burke delivers the keynote address during the Winston-Salem Bar Association's Scholarship Luncheon on Tuesday, June 12.

For many years, the annual Scholarship Luncheon has served as the associations' capstone event. Annually, WSBA holds an essay contest and the winners are announced and provided monetary awards during the luncheon.

This year, WSBA expanded the competition to include four scholarships for graduating seniors. The Judge Roland Hayes and Attorney Mrs. Annie Brown Kennedy Scholarship was awarded for the first time to Kimaly Dixon, Xavier Bankhead, Jaelyn Nichols and Jyuana Gray.

Judge Hayes became Forsyth County's first black District Court Judge when then Gov. Jim Hunt appointed him in 1984. Hayes was re-elected several times until he was forced to retire in 2002 because of age.

He continued to serve as an emergency judge until he died in 2013.

Attorney Kennedy, a native of Atlanta, was the second African-American woman ever licensed to practice law in N.C., and a founding member of the Interracial

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## NAACP threatens lawsuits over charter school and voter ID

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina civil rights leaders are threatening to sue the state over a recently passed law that allows mostly white communities near Charlotte to create their own charter schools and a potential new voter ID law.

"Legislating state-sponsored discrimination cannot continue without consequences," North Carolina NAACP President T. Anthony Spearman said at a Monday, June 11, news conference.

Spearman called this year's General Assembly the

"suppression session." He said his organization will join with fellow civil rights group Color of Change to urge Apple and Amazon not to put new campuses near Raleigh because of the proposals.

The charter school law passed last week without

Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's signature because it is a local bill. It allows the mostly white and well-off Charlotte-area communities of Matthews, Mint Hill, Huntersville and Cornelius to apply to create charter schools outside Charlotte's system.

The Charlotte branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held its own news conference last week to speak out against that bill.

"Lawmakers in Raleigh are taking us back to the future with unambiguous

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