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## Group won't 'sit by any longer'

### Action4Ashley files discrimination complaint against WS/FCS

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The Action4Ashley Coalition has filed a discrimination complaint with the U.S. Department of Education citing failure on behalf of the Winston-Salem Forsyth

County Board of Education and School System (WSFCS) to address complaints of mold and poor air quality at Ashley Elementary School (Ashley Academy for Cultural & Global Studies).

The Coalition, which consists of several community groups including: the Winston-Salem NAACP, Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, Coalition for Equality in Public Education, the Local Organizing Committee, Drum Majors Alliance, The Big 4 Alumni Association, and the North Carolina Central University Alumni Association, was organized earlier this year in response to the growing number of students and staff at Ashley who reported health problems related to the below par conditions of the facility, including mold, water leaks, moisture, and poor air quality.



Rev. Paul Ford during a press conference at the Winston-Salem NAACP headquarters on Tuesday, Aug. 14. Rev. Ford is a strong supporter of Action4Ashley.



Rev. Alvin Carlisle during a press conference earlier this week where it was announced that Action4Ashley filed a claim against the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.



Attorney Peggy Nicholson during a press conference on Tuesday, Aug. 14 held by Action4Ashley.

The complaint filed with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights on Tuesday, Aug. 14 alleges that the WSFCS violated the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin. During a press conference earlier this week Rev. Alvin Carlisle, president of the Winston-Salem NAACP said although the coalition was started this year complaints about the conditions at Ashley have been reported for years.

"This is an issue that educators, parents, and community activists have been addressing for many many years. Ashley Elementary is a symptom of a continual disproportionate allocation of funding as it concerns education in Winston-Salem Forsyth County," said Carlisle during

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Photo by Tevin Stinson

Timeka Couthen reads a poem she wrote for her son Juwaan Woodbury Jr. on what would have been his eighth birthday. Juwaan died from an accidental drowning last summer.

## Family celebrates the life of boy gone too soon

BY TEVIN STINSON  
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On what would have been his eighth birthday, more than a dozen family members and loved ones of Juwaan Denard Woodbury Jr. gathered at Parklawn Memorial Gardens last week to celebrate his life.

"He was a very vibrant young man and it was just so unexpected," said Ruby Cain, Juwaan's great-grandmother. "We all miss him so very much."

Last summer, Juwaan and his family were enjoying a relaxing day at a local pool when tragedy struck. After the family decided to get out of the pool, Juwaan decided to take another swim. According to family members who were present, Juwaan went under but never resurfaced.

Three days later, he passed away at a local hospital.

Although he was only here for a short period of time, several relatives said he touched the lives of many. Cain said Juwaan was a ray of sunshine, who always had a smile on his face.

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## Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin is seriously ill

BY MESFIN FEKADU  
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NEW YORK — Fans and friends, including Mariah Carey and Missy Elliott, offered prayers and well wishes to Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, who is seriously ill.

A person close to Franklin, who spoke on the condition



Photo by Brad Baker/Invision/AP

Aretha Franklin attends the 92Y Presents Aretha Franklin and Clive Davis In Conversation at the 92nd St. Y on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014 in New York.

of anonymity because the person was not allowed to publicly talk about the topic, told The Associated Press on Monday that the singer is seriously ill. No more details were provided.

Carey, who considers Franklin one of her biggest influences, wrote on Twitter that she is "praying for the Queen of Soul." Missy Elliott said that the public has to celebrate iconic artists before they die.

"So many [of them] have given us decades of

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## Montgomery to succeed N.C. Rep. Ed Hanes

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

The Forsyth County Democratic Party selected City Council Member Derwin Montgomery to succeed Ed Hanes as the representative for the 72nd District in the N.C. General Assembly.

The party's selection of

Montgomery for the seat was made at a special meeting on Sunday and is expected to be approved by the governor this week. Montgomery's resignation from the City Council will not be immediate, and he will continue to represent the East Ward until then. The City Council will need to decide

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Photo by Todd Luck  
Former 72nd District State Rep. Ed Hanes shakes the hand of his successor, City Council Member Derwin Montgomery on Sunday.

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