



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 4/20/2021

#### New Business

**Department:** Strategic Partnerships

**Presenter(s):** Rachael Nygaard &  
Representatives from United Way of  
Asheville and Buncombe County

**Contact(s):** Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director

**Subject:** Asheville-Buncombe United for Youth Network

#### **Brief Summary:**

Asheville-Buncombe United for Youth Network is a multigenerational, cross-sector, cradle to career partnership built on the foundational principle that “Equity and Educational Excellence are Inseparable.” Coordinated by United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County, this collaboration is working toward the following.

Vision: ALL children and youth learn, grow and thrive in a vibrant, healthy and connected community.

Mission: To actively identify and remove barriers to opportunity and co-create solutions that support student success.

Bold Community Goal: By 2035, ALL Asheville City and Buncombe County students graduate from high school ready and fully prepared to pursue their goals and dreams.

By joining the partnership, including the shared vision, mission and bold community goal, Buncombe County commits to act in good faith to uphold the agreements described in the partnership agreement.

#### **Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Vote to join the partnership and authorize the County Manager to sign the United for Youth Network Partnership Agreement

#### **County Manager’s comments and Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends approval