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As part of Asheville Middle School's collaboration with Americans Who Tell the Truth, we were told last spring that the author of *Hidden Figures*, Margot Lee Shetterly, would be available to speak with AMS 8th Graders.

In preparation, all current 8th Graders attended a screening of the *Hidden Figures* film. *Hidden Figures* books were also purchased for each student to read.

Using *Hidden Figures* as its primary text, Asheville Middle School aligned its curriculum with Americans Who Tell the Truth to carry out a Coach Paideia project. The results of that project included students learning about active citizenship and their future selves. Additionally, several created portraits of local heroes that will be displayed at the YMI Cultural Center.

Asheville Middle School was made aware that Margot Lee Shetterly would no longer be available late this summer.

Americans Who Tell the Truth instead invited Bree Newsome. Asheville City Schools did not invite Bree Newsome to speak with our students.

Asheville Middle School's decision to not have her speak to its students comes from the district's need to follow Board Policy Number 3535.

Asheville Middle School is adhering to the Asheville City School Board Policy 3535 regarding the decision of Ms. Bree Newsome.

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