Date : 9/28/2017 10:12:02 PM
From : "Heather Miracle"
To : "denise.patterson@ashevillecityschools.net"
Subject : Bree Newsome
Dear Ms. Patterson,

I was shocked to learn that the scheduled appearance of Bree Newsome was cancelled supposedly because she had been arrested for civil disobedience. As the parent of two Asheville City School children, I felt proud and excited that AMS was asking a bright and intelligent woman to speak to our young people. Bree Newsome is an activist who would bring a unique and inspiring viewpoint to our children's lives. I completely disagree with the decision that was made to cancel her appearance and fear that it was based solely on ACSs fear of controversy. Our lives and our children's lives are surrounded by controversy about racism and gender and sexuality and freedom these days. To pretend that isn't happening and try to mute the voices of our young people was, I believe, a misguided and telling decision. Please reconsider this cancellation and understand that you have sorely disappointed me as a parent and an ACS advocate and proponent.

Sincerely,
Heather A. Miracle