



STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

May 2021

May SBE Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• North Star• Recapping District Visits and Voices Tour<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Visits with a Purpose-Alignment with Operation Polaris-State Board of Education Strategic Vision• Lexington – community-driven district transformation• NCCAT Beginning Teacher of the Year Ceremony – conversations around human capital pipeline challenges• Jackson County – emphasis on early literacy• Macon County – student-centered design and innovation• Swain County – emphasis on pre-K as part of the whole system• Haywood County – emphasis on hands-on learning and student-centered instruction• McDowell – emphasis on pre-K programs and dual language immersion• Rutherford – McNair Foundation• Onslow – emphasis on the science of reading and their journey• Charlotte Mecklenburg – emphasis on magnet programming
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Superintendent Catherine Truitt State Board of Education Report

May 13, 2021

North Star

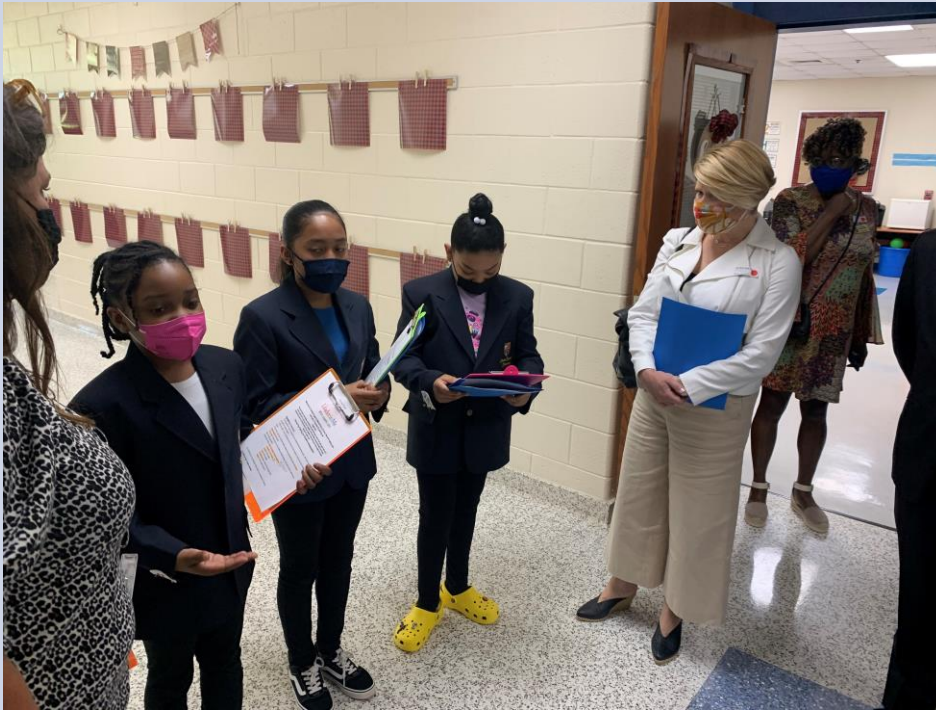
Every student deserves a highly-qualified, excellent teacher in every classroom.



Visits With a Purpose



Lexington City Schools



- Community-driven district transformation
- Student empowerment through leadership



Western Region

Thursday

- 2021 Beginning Teacher of the Year Roundtable
- Engaging beginning teachers to address Human Capital Pipeline challenges
- Beginning teacher voice authenticity – power to lead from where they are



Western Region

Thursday: NCCAT

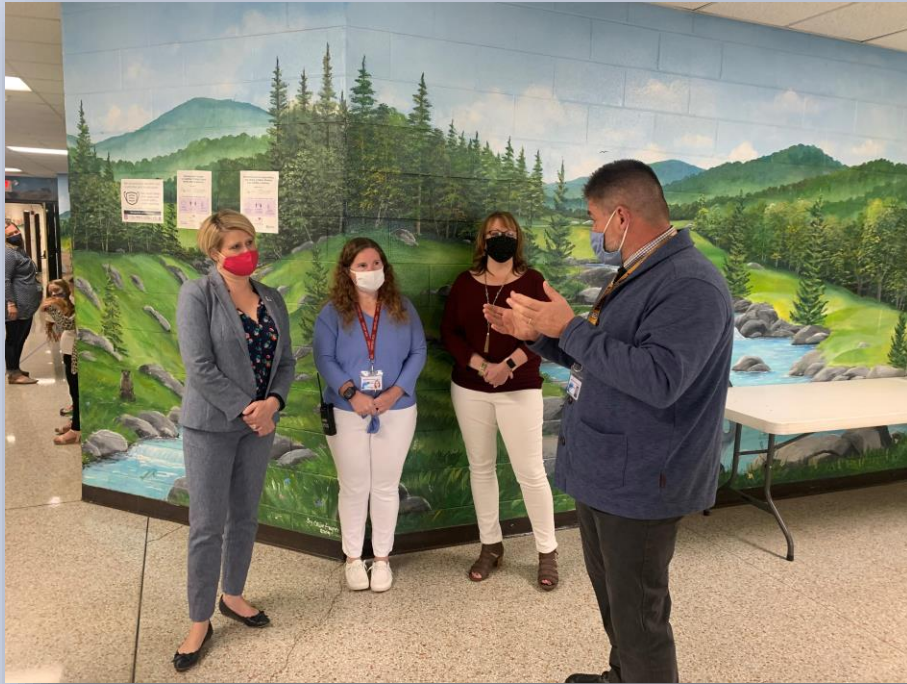
- 2021 Beginning Teacher of the Year Ceremony
- Excitement around celebrating teacher excellence at all levels
- Emilee Higdon, English teacher at Union Academy (Macon County)



2021 Beginning Teacher of the Year Emilee Higdon. Photo courtesy of NCAAT.



Western Region



Friday: Jackson County

- Overview of early grades reading
- Emphasis on early literacy and its ability to impact student success throughout public school experience



Western Region



Friday: Macon County

- Emphasis on student-centered design and innovation
- Community commitment to a geographically challenged school
 - 1 of 3 in the state



Western Region

Friday: Swain County

- Focus on pre-k as part of the whole system.
- Pre-K is an embedded level within the system
- Junior Chef Program earned 3rd place in state finals



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Friday: Haywood County

- Hands on learning from science to CTE
- Student-centered instruction
- Community support and school staff support



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McDowell County

- Pre-K programs
- Dual language immersion
- Student leadership
- CTE in-depth programming



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Rutherford County

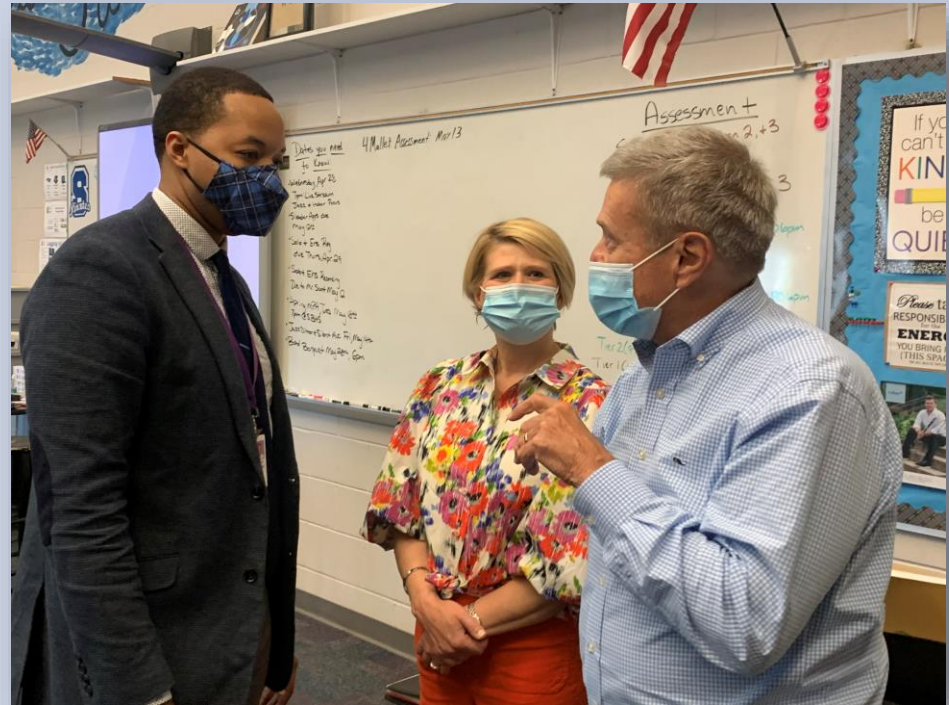
- McNair Foundation - Community Mentor program
- Community Partnership and support for school system
- Principal and teacher leadership as a focus



Southeast Region

Onslow County

- Science of Reading
- Journey of the Science of Reading
 - Over 350 teachers immersed in SOR training
- Regional TOY
- Southeast Regional Skills Center



Southwest Region

Charlotte-Mecklenburg

- Magnet programming
- Strategic staffing of school leadership roles
- K-8 STEM programming



Now What?



Now What:

- What is the department and board's role after visiting?
- We are developing a plan
 - PreK Emphasis (Swain)
 - Regional Skills Center (Onslow)
 - CTE Offerings (McDowell)
 - Mentor Program (Rutherford)
- How do we take what we've seen and improve outcomes for all kids?

