

NC Office of Charter Schools

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Please share these updates with appropriate staff at your school.

Office of Charter Schools Updates

Charter Schools Advisory Board Meeting

The North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board will meet Monday, Oct. 12, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., in the 7th Floor Board Room, Education Building, 301 N. Wilmington Street, Raleigh.

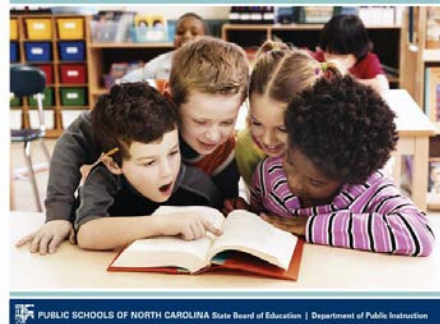
Agenda items include discussions on charter revocation for lack of academic performance, charter policy process, charter school application, ready to open, charter school renewal, and charter school performance framework. Committee members also will discuss and approve their 2015-16 strategic calendar. A tentative agenda is attached.

The meeting will be audio streamed for those who cannot attend. To listen, click on the Live Audio Stream [link](#).

Questions regarding this meeting should be directed to the NCDPI Communications division at 919.807.3450.

- [Oct. 12 CSAB Agenda.pdf](#)

Office of Charter Schools



Upcoming Events

October 12, 2015

*Charter Schools Advisory
Board Meeting*

October 16, 2015

*Charter Schools Planning
Opportunity*

Important Announcement

EDDIE is the authoritative source for NC public school numbers and demographic information, and is used by multiple systems including; [Accountability](#), [PowerSchool](#), [NC School Report Cards](#), and is used to meet federal reporting requirements.

LEAs and charter schools are responsible for ensuring data are complete, accurate, and current.

EDDIE is located at: <http://apps.schools.nc.gov/eddie>

Fresh Take Conference

Registration is now open for our 5th Annual *Fresh Take: Strategies for Student Success* education conference. We hope you will be able to join us January 22, 2016 for more inspiring and thought provoking conversations, workshops and round-tables.

This year's keynote speaker is international bestselling author Barbara Coloroso. She was a featured presenter at this year's ASCD Conference. Barbara has penned *The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander: From Preschool to High School--How Parents and Teachers Can Help Break the Cycle*, *Kids Are Worth It! : Giving Your Child The Gift Of Inner Discipline*, *Just Because It Isn't Wrong Doesn't Make it Right: Teaching Kids to Think and Act Ethically*, *Parenting Through Crisis: Helping Kids in Times of Loss, Grief, and Change* and others.

We anticipate a full house as several schools have indicated interest in bringing their staff. Early-bird registration is now open: [Registration Link](#).

Charter Planning Opportunity – October 16th Agenda

Attached is the agenda for the October 16th Planning Opportunity with Dr. Atkinson and Mr. Levinson.

Attachment: [October 16th Agenda](#)

NCDPI Updates

Weekly Legislative Update

Please see attached Legislative Update for this week's activities.

Attachment: [Legislative Update 10.2.15.pdf](#)

Time to Update Home Base Contacts

On the Home Base website we have been keeping a [list](#) of the leads for various components of Home Base by LEA/charter school. As we get start a new school year, we know that there is a chance that these contacts may have changed. Please take a moment to update this information for your LEA/charter school by completing the online [form](#).

It is critical that these contacts be accurate as these lists are used by staff in the different Home Base component areas and by the Home Base Support Center.

Thank you for helping us stay up-to-date so that your LEA/charter school is getting the latest information from Home Base. If you have any questions, please contact Instructional Improvement System Consultant [Kayla Siler](#).

Professional Development for School Leaders

NCDPI District and School Transformation in partnership with the Northeast Leadership Academy is sponsoring *Professional Development for School Leaders: The Connected Educator Series*. The first session is scheduled for Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at The Clayton Center in Clayton, NC. Principal Salome Thomas-El is the featured speaker for the event. For more information or to register, please contact Amelia McLeod at 919.835.6101 or amelia.mcleod@dpi.nc.gov.

11 Districts and 60 Schools Earn North Carolina's Highest Graduation Rates in 2014-15

Eleven school districts and 60 high schools were honored Tuesday by State Superintendent June Atkinson for having the highest four-year cohort graduation rates among all districts and schools in the state in 2014-15.

"I am so proud of the teachers, school counselors, coaches, principals and district leaders, and others who have worked tirelessly to make sure more students are graduating from North Carolina's public schools than ever before. Their dedication and tenacity enabled the state to reach the all-time high graduation rate of 85.6 in 2014-15," said State Superintendent June Atkinson. "As we honor the schools and districts that do an exceptional job keeping students in school and on track for graduation, I am hopeful that these award winners will continue to share best practices and serve as models for districts and schools across the state."

Representatives from the districts and schools were honored and received plaques at a luncheon held in Durham. To receive an award, schools must have been open for at least four years. The full report on the state's cohort graduation rates, as well as previous years' reports, is available [online](#).

The award winners are as follows:

Top 10 School Districts

	School District	# Students In Cohort	4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
1	Newton-Conover City Schools	206	97.1
2	Hyde County Schools	38	94.7
3	Dare County Schools	370	93.8
3	Avery County Schools	178	93.8
5	Union County Public Schools	2966	93.2
6	Cherokee County Schools	267	92.9
7	Yancey County Schools	172	92.4
7	Mount Airy City Schools	144	92.4
9	Elkin City Schools	87	92.0
10	Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	889	91.0

Top School District with Highest Graduation Rate by Cohort Size

School District	# Students In Cohort	4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
Large – Union County Public Schools	2963	93.1
Medium – Henderson County Public Schools	1023	90.5
Small – Newton-Conover City Schools	206	97.1

Large: Greater than 2000 Students in Cohort

Medium: 1000-1999 Students in Cohort

Small: Less than 1000 Students in Cohort

100% Club

This award is given to schools achieving a 100% four-year cohort graduation rate that have been open for at least four years and have 10 or more students in the cohort.

School District	School	Students In Cohort
Anson County Schools	Anson County Early College	27
Avery County Schools	Avery County STEM Academy	31
Beaufort County Schools	Beaufort County Early College High	36
Bertie County Schools	Bertie School of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math	48
Burke County Schools	Burke Middle College	50
Cabarrus County Schools	Cabarrus-Kannapolis Early College	51
Caldwell County Schools	Caldwell Early College	76
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Levine Middle College	36
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Military and Global Leadership Academy	29
Cumberland County Schools	Reid Ross Classical High	80
Cumberland County Schools	Cross Creek Early College	48
Cumberland County Schools	Cumberland International Early College High	38
Cumberland County Schools	Howard Health & Life Sciences High	25
Currituck County Schools	The JP Knapp ECH School	56

School District	School	Students In Cohort
Duplin County Schools	Duplin Early College	37
Durham Public Schools	Josephine Dobbs Clement Early College High	84
Durham Public Schools	Hillside New Tech High	68
Edgecombe County Public Schools	Edgecombe Early College	34
Gaston County Schools	Highland School of Technology	132
Greene County Schools	Greene Early College	22
Guilford County Schools	Greensboro College Middle College	73
Guilford County Schools	Weaver Academy for Performing/Visual Arts	66
Guilford County Schools	The Academy at Ben L. Smith High	53
Guilford County Schools	The Early College at Guilford College	46
Guilford County Schools	Middle College at UNC-G	45
Guilford County Schools	William Penn - Alfred J. Griffin School for the Arts	42
Guilford County Schools	Middle College at GTCC - Greensboro	33
Guilford County Schools	Early/Middle College at NC A&T State University	31
Guilford County Schools	The Academy at High Point Central	30
Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School	Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School	12
Henderson County Schools	Henderson County Early College	41
Iredell-Statesville Schools	Collaborative College for Technology and Leadership	43
Johnston County Schools	Johnston County Middle College	74
Johnston County Schools	Johnston County Early College Academy	53
Lenoir County Public Schools	Lenoir County Early College	31
Macon County Schools	Highlands School	29
McDowell County Schools	McDowell Early College	49
New Hanover County Schools	Wilmington Early College	48
New Hanover County Schools	Isaac M Bear High	47
Newton Conover City Schools	Discovery High School at Newton-Conover	21

School District	School	Students In Cohort
Raleigh Charter High School	Raleigh Charter High	134
Richmond County Schools	Richmond Early College High	31
Rowan-Salisbury Schools	Rowan County Early College	46
Rutherford County Schools	Rutherford Early College	26
Surry County Schools	Surry Early College High School of Design	63
Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy Challenge Foundation Academy	83
Union County Public Schools	Central Academy of Technology & Arts	209
Union County Public Schools	Union County Early College	63
Vance County Schools	Western Vance High	26
Wake County Schools	Wake Early College of Health and Science	59
Wayne County Schools	Wayne School of Engineering at Goldsboro	79
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	Early College of Forsyth County	50
Yadkin County Schools	Yadkin Early College	36

Top 2 Schools By Cohort Size

Less than 100 Students

School District	School	Cohort Size	Graduation Rate
Durham Public Schools	Josephine Dobbs Clement Early College High	84	100
Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	83	100

100 to 199 Students

School District	School	Cohort Size	Graduation Rate
Raleigh Charter High	Raleigh Charter High	134	100
Gaston County Schools	Highland School of Technology	132	100

200 to 299 Students

School District	School	Cohort Size	Graduation Rate
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Union County Public Schools	Central Academy of Technology & Arts	209	100
Henderson County Schools	West Henderson High	239	99.2

300 to 399 Students

School District	School	Cohort Size	Graduation Rate
Union County Public Schools	Weddington High	347	99.7
Union County Public Schools	Marvin Ridge High	370	99.5

400 to 499 Students

School District	School	Cohort Size	Graduation Rate
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Providence High	466	97.8
Guilford County Schools	Northwest Guilford High	493	96.6

500 or More Students

School District	School	Cohort Size	Graduation Rate
Wake County Schools	Green Hope High	546	97.6
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Ardrey Kell High	630	97.1

In addition to the schools honored at a luncheon on Tuesday, 82 high schools earned a graduation rate of 95% or greater in 2014-15 have received a letter of recognition and certificate of achievement from Atkinson to honor this accomplishment. A list of those schools is available [here](#).

AP/IB Update – High Schools Only

AP/IB TEST FEES COVERED AGAIN THIS YEAR!

With the passing of the state budget, the General Assembly appropriated funds to pay for all AP and IB exams for public school or charter school students who are enrolled in the corresponding AP/IB courses again for this year. NCDPI will be able to cover AP/IB Exam fees like last year! We will be sending out AP/IB Test Fee Guidance by the end of the month.

Analyzing Student Work

ANALYSIS OF STUDENT WORK (ASW) WIKI

Visit the ASW wiki (<http://ncasw.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/>) for all information regarding the ASW process, timelines, PD, FAQs, etc. This is the one-stop shop for everything related to ASW. Please also visit the ASW Timeline wiki page (<http://ncasw.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/15-16Implementation>) to sign-up for the email listserve to receive updated information regarding the ASW process.

AP One-Day Workshops – Registration Due on Friday. Free PD Opportunity

NCAPP is offering scholarships for current AP teachers from your district to attend AP One-Day workshops in October or November. Led by experienced instructors, these regional subject-specific AP One-Day workshops provide educators with the support and training needed to develop effective strategies for teaching an AP course. Teachers should take note of which AP subjects are available at which workshop on the registration form at the link below, as all subjects are not available at all workshops.

Registration fees will be paid by the Partnership. Districts/schools are eligible to receive up to \$100 substitute reimbursement per teacher who attends (Districts/schools must submit a request for substitute reimbursement funds within 30 days after the workshop; see attached Substitute Teacher Reimbursement form for instructions). **Districts/schools are responsible for travel costs.**

Please note that if a teacher fails to attend the workshop or fails to **cancel his/her registration less than 14 calendar days prior to an event**, the school may be invoiced for the \$205 registration fee. If a teacher is not able to attend, you may send a replacement in the same subject and not be charged, but the teacher will need to register online at the link provided below.

How to Apply/Register:

Use the attached PDF flyer to see offered workshop locations/dates and subjects. Teachers must fill out the online form (see link) below to apply for a scholarship. This online form also acts as their workshop registration form once we approve it. Registrants will receive an email confirmation from the NCAPP Partnership within 2 weeks after they register online. **All registrations must be submitted no later than Friday, Oct. 9, 2015.**

Click the link below to Register:

[Registration Link](#)

Cancellation Policy:

By applying and accepting this scholarship you agree to attend and complete the entire

workshop. If it becomes necessary to cancel your attendance you must do at least **14 days prior to the workshop event, or you may send another teacher in your place (same subject)**. To cancel your scholarship and workshop registration:

1. You must send an email to this address stating you are cancelling: NC Scholarships@collegeboard.org. If you have questions or concerns regarding this process **or you are substituting another teacher in your place it must be for the same location. That teacher will need to complete the registration form at the link provided above.**
2. Failure to cancel your Scholarship and registration within this time frame may result in your forfeiting future NCAPP Partnership Scholarship opportunities for one year.

If you have any questions, please contact us at NC Scholarships@collegeboard.org or email Kathleen, our NC AP Partnership Contact, at kkoch@collegeboard.org.

IBSNC Fall Meeting

IBSNC will be meeting on October 15, 2015 in Hillsborough, NC. IBSNC is the state-wide organization for IB schools, PYP, MYP and DP programmes. Please contact Heather LaJoie, heather.lajoie@cms.k12.nc.us, if you are interested in coming and are not yet on the list.

College Board Results Press Release

Please see <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/newsroom/news/> Sept 4, 2015 for the most recent DPI Press Release regarding the release of AP and SAT scores. You all have worked so hard to increase access and success for our AP students. Congrats on your achievements from last year!

Roster Verification Window

Please see the attached document regarding the upcoming Roster Verification window. It is extremely important that your district has up-to-date course enrollment data in PowerSchool in advance of the Roster Verification window. Following the steps in the attached document will save your school administrators and teachers a great deal of time in completing the process.

Attachment: [Roster Verification Notice](#)

Priority and Focus School Memo Notification

Attachment: [Priority Focus Schools Memo](#)

[Priority Focus Schools Spreadsheet 10012015](#)

NCDPI Web Highlights

[Teachers' Biweekly Message](#)

[NCDPI Web Highlights](#)

Educator Effectiveness Updates

Educator Effectiveness Training Opportunities

Please find the October PD Updates below and attached as a PDF. Included is information about and a registration link for Principal READY.

Attachment: [October Professional Development Updates](#)

NCEES for Charter Schools - North Area

October 15, 2015 (9:00-12:00 PM)

Target Audience: New administrators or administrators who would like a NCEES refresher.

Description:

Participants will learn about NCEES System Set-Up and Role Assignments. Next participants will choose one of two concurrent sessions: Getting Started in the NCEES Online Tool or Completing Teacher Observations in the Online Tool. The day will conclude with a session about Using the NC Educator Evaluation Rubric to Support Teacher Growth.

Location:

The Point: College Prep & Leadership Academy
5700 Riverdale Drive
Jamestown, NC 27282

[Registration Link](#)

Federal Program and Monitoring Updates

PowerSchool Student Participation – October Headcount

PowerSchool-Student Participation includes an October headcount of children who reside in neglected and delinquent (N&D) facilities during the school year. The module can be found in the PowerSchool menu, under Federal – Title I. The following webinars are scheduled to provide guidance and technical assistance in reporting your N&D data. For additional program information on Neglected and Delinquent Programs, contact Dr. Vanessa Nelson-Reed at 919-807-4049 or Vanessa.nelsonreed@dpi.nc.gov.

Student Participation – October Headcount

[October 13th - 10:00 am Registration Link](#)

[October 13th - 2:00 pm Registration Link](#)

[October 15th - 10:00 am Registration Link](#)

[October 15th - 2:00 pm Registration Link](#)

Exceptional Children's Updates

New ACCESS Assessment

Please see the attached information regarding the new ACCESS assessment for English Language Learners (ELL).

If you have any questions, please contact Ronda Layman at ronda.layman@dpi.nc.gov or 919 807-4059.

Attachment: [Access Assessment Memo](#)

NC CEC Annual Conference

Please see the attached information regarding the NC CEC Annual Conference.

Attachment:  [15.9.30 Conference Update \(1\).pdf](#)

Unified English Braille Code Implementation

Please see the attached regarding the implementation plan for Unified English Braille (UEB).

If you have any questions, please contact William Tubilleja at William.tubilleja@dpi.nc.gov or 919 807-3988.

Attachment: [Memo-UEB Implementation 1015](#)

EC Directors' Webinar and Questions

Please submit any question you want the Division to address during the October 20 webinar to Tish Bynum no later than October 9. We look forward to continued collaboration during the October EC Directors' webinar. The webinar invitation is below.

EC Director Webinar

This webinar occurs several times. Please register for the date and time that works best for you.

Register now! [Registration Link](#)

EC Division Leadership Team webinar for EC Directors.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. [View System Requirements](#)