



EDGECOMBE COUNTY PUBLIC  
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Dear Dr. Jones,

Please receive this communication as confirmation that the Edgemcombe County Public Schools Board of Education has received notification that an application for New Generation Charter Academy has been filed. The Edgemcombe County Board of Education opposes the prospective charter school, as the initial proposal is to recruit 220 students in grades K-4 in year one and expand to 396 students in grades 3-8 in years two-five. This opening would have a significant impact on our school district's ADM. The underlying premises for their proposal is based on the perceived performance of Edgemcombe County Public Schools. The actual performance data for our school district demonstrates exemplary improvement over the last three academic school years. Below is a chart for your reference, but specifically during the 2016-17 school year, we had six schools that met or exceeded growth and eight schools that did not meet growth. As a school district we adjusted our focus and prioritized teaching and learning. As a result of our renewed direction and keen intention, we experienced significant gains as noted by the 2017-18 performance data. We had eleven schools that exceeded or met growth and three schools that did not meet growth. As a school system, we continued to hone our skills and improve our leadership capacity. As a result, the 2018-19 data indicated that twelve schools met or exceeded growth and two schools did not meet growth. During the 2019-20 school year, no test data is available due to school closure as a result of COVID-19.

## STATE OF OUR SCHOOLS

	2016 - 2017	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019
<b>SCHOOLS THAT MET OR EXCEEDED GROWTH</b>	6 3 Exceeded 3 Met	11 ↑ 4 Exceeded 7 Met	12 ↑ 6 Exceeded 6 Met
<b>SCHOOLS THAT DID NOT MEET GROWTH</b>	8	3 ↓	2 ↓

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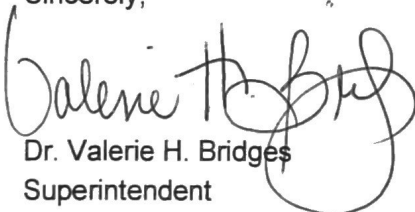
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Edgemcombe County Public Schools prides itself in our efforts to be an innovative district. Some of our innovative successes include but are not limited to the following:

- K-8 Global Immersion School (Focus on foreign language instruction and global learning.)
- I-zone Region-that practices out of the box thinking to support student learning and development.
- Micro School (Pilot for 8th and 9th grade students focusing on project based learning, empathy interviews and creative scheduling that promotes students' voice and choice.)
- Opportunity Culture District that encourages collegial support and values teacher leadership and growth opportunities
- Learning Pods (Community/School Based/Internet Cafes)
- Design Thinking for Building Level Leaders
- Purposeful Partnerships - We continue to build meaningful relationships with our community and high interest leaders throughout the nation.
- Equity Focus (Trauma Informed Practices, Review and Revise the Student Code of Conduct for more Restorative and Accountable Practices)
- Technology Infrastructure (Wireless Internet Access on school buses)
- Innovative Partnership Grant (Successful in being awarded three grants for our school system)

In closing, we thank you for the opportunity to share how the opening of New Generation Charter Academy would impact Edgemcombe County Public Schools. Our scholars are currently and will continue to receive an excellent education. We are committed to ensuring that all ECPS scholars will graduate prepared to design their own futures, navigate change, and make the world a better place!

Sincerely,



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