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**EMYS Raffle Drawing Results:** The Empowering Madison Youth to Succeed (EMYS) Dine Out Raffle drawing was held Friday, January 18th. Dr. Hoffman drew the two winning tickets. The winners are confirmed as: Blue Ticket Winner--Donna Postles Ms. Postles purchased her ticket at the Handmade Market! White Ticket Winner--Phyllis Holt. Ms. Holt purchased her ticket at FBEMC where she works! Bruce Murray, Director of the EMYS Program, reports at this time approximately \$1,300.00 has been collected for this year's raffle. Thank you to all of those who purchased tickets for our Dine Out Raffle!

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

01/28/19	Board Meeting	Central SS
	Closed	5:00 PM
	Work	5:30 PM
	Open	6:00 PM

**MCS's Diversity Committee Meets:** Madison County Schools had our first Diversity Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 22. Team members included representation from all schools. Rich discussion from the panel brought new insight to the goal of this committee and how important it is for all students to leave our district understanding all people are worthy of respect and dignity. The committee will meet monthly to organize experiences for our students and staff. ROAR (Rural Organizing and Resilience) is helping with financial support a social studies educators' pilgrimage to the Memorial for Peace and Justice to increase a personal understanding of and enhanced teaching capacity concerning America's history of racial inequality. We will also have guest speakers, programs, as well as trips scheduled for our students.

## Attachments:

- ~ Legislative Priorities Comparison

**MHS EC Department Receives Donation:** We want to thank Jim Kirkland and Bob Menard for making an activity center for the Exceptional Children's classroom at Madison High School. They donated both their time and the materials for the project. The students will use the activity station to work on fine motor skills, visual and tactile stimulation, and just for fun.



## Madison County Schools Mission



*The students of Madison County Schools will have meaningful experiences and valuable academic preparation to ensure a brighter future.*

**Legislative Priorities for Public Education:** The NCASA, NCSSA, and the NCSBA are all working together in advancing our goals for public education. We think this partnership will make us stronger and give us the opportunity to have more of an impact in the upcoming legislative session. Our 1.7 million public school students are depending on their organizations to work together to provide the best possible public education for our students. Please see attached a comparison of the legislative priorities for the 2019 biennium.

**House Speaker to File \$1.9 Billion Public Education Bond in 2019:** A proposed statewide bond referendum would help Madison County Schools with capital projects including much needed renovations at Madison High School and additional classroom space to meet the mandates of the K-3 class size law. Speaker Moore pledges to file a public education bond to fund school capital investment. He also plans to promote this education referendum across North Carolina to enlighten people of the merits of the bond as well as foster support for voters to pass it. The bond would appear on the 2020 ballot for consideration by voters if approved by the 2019 General Assembly and signed by the Governor. A breakdown of the \$1.9 billion bond: \$1.3 billion provided for K-12 school construction needs; \$300 million for capital funding to UNC system institutions; and \$300 million for facility needs in North Carolina's community colleges.