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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

02/24/20	Board Meeting	
	Central Support	
	Closed	5:00 PM
	Work	5:30 PM
	Open	6:00 PM

## Attachments:

- Leandro Letter Region 8
- ¼ Penny Sales Tax Flyer
- MECHS Dive Into Marshall Memories Invitation

## Madison County Schools Mission



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

**One-Stop Early Voting:** Don't forget One-Stop Early Voting begins next week February 13 through February 29, 2020 or vote on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at your regular precinct. When you vote be sure to share your selfie photo on Madison County School's Facebook page. Let's Make it Happen by Voting!

**Region 8 Superintendents Voice Concerns On Leandro Status:** Last week MCS district administrators discussed the current status of the Leandro case with a particular focus on the importance of Pre-K access for students, equitable financing for rural school districts, and teacher recruitment. The Supreme Court of North Carolina's decision in Leandro v. the State of North Carolina (1997) (Leandro) affirmed that the state has a constitutional responsibility to provide every student with an equal opportunity for a sound basic education and that the state was failing to meet that responsibility. Please see attached a copy of a letter written to the Chair of the NC State Board of Education by Region 8 Superintendents regarding Leandro.

**MCS Payroll Clerk/PowerSchool Coordinator:** Please join me in welcoming Mr. Eric Wallin to the position of MCS Payroll Clerk and PowerSchool Coordinator. He will be replacing Mr. Jeff Huey who retired last week after 30 years of valuable service to Madison County Schools. Mr. Wallin has worked for Madison County Schools for 14 years, he has a degree in Business and Finance from Appalachian State University, and he brings a strong focus on customer service to each position he has held with us. Please reach out to Mr. Wallin if you have any questions regarding Payroll or PowerSchool

**Extine Named Head Football Coach:** We want to welcome Coach Jamie Extine in his new role of Head Football Coach. We are excited about the opportunities he offers all our student athletes and we are certain that he will bring his contagious energy and high standard of excellence to this new position.



**Reading to Make a Difference Training:** Several Madison County Schools elementary teachers attended a Reading to Make a Difference training Wednesday with world renowned reading guru, Lester Laminack. Teachers learned how to use literature to help students speak freely, think deeply, and take action as readers.

**New Resources for Elementary Teachers:** Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers from all elementary schools came together Wednesday to receive a new resource and training to support reading instruction. Teachers have many tools in place to meet the diverse needs of our learners. The Madison County School system has the BEST teachers and BEST trainers! Together we are "Making It Happen" for our students.



**District Selection for the 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year:** Congratulations to our individual school's Teacher of the Year! Earl Lynn Allison, Hot Springs Elementary, David Burrell, Madison High School, Melissa Clark, Brush Creek Elementary, Doug Cutshall, Madison Early College High School, Jennifer Greene, Madison Middle School, and Shannon Hensley, Mars Hill Elementary. The district selection process will take place on Monday, February 10. The selected teacher will represent the district for the 2020-2021 school year. The teacher will travel abroad with other North Carolina teachers to Australia to learn about Australia's unique history, culture, and physical environment.

**MECHS Dive Into Marshall Memories Event Planned February 12, 2020:** See attached invitation for more details.