



Superintendent's Report

Dr. Will Hoffman, Superintendent

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

03/19/20	Special Called Closed Open	CSS 4:30 PM 5:30 PM
03/23/20	Board Meeting Closed Work Open	CSS 5:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM

Attachments:

- ~ Letter from Superintendent
- ~ Declaration of Local/State Emerg.
- ~2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Madison County Schools

Mission



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

School Closure Discussion with Governor's Office: Dr. Hoffman was on a call today with Governor Cooper's Senior Education Advisor and the State Epidemiologist, along with superintendents from across North Carolina. The purpose of the call was to discuss recent guidance from the CDC and NC Department of Health and Human Services on school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic. One outcome of the discussion came from the CDC and the DHHS who are not recommending school closure at this time – "Short term closing of schools, 2-4 weeks, will unlikely stem the spread of the disease or the impact on health facilities."

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/considerations-for-school-closure.pdf>

School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Meets: On Wednesday, March 11, our School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) met at Central Support Services. Topics of discussion included an update from Tammy Cody with the Madison County Health Department on COVID-19, an update on the Telehealth program, physical education updates and discussions and reports from individual school representatives.

High School Athletic Events: The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) has made the decision to postpone the 2020 Men's and Women's Basketball State Championships indefinitely. The Board of Directors also moved to suspend interscholastic athletics beginning at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020 through Monday, April 6th, 2020. The NCHSAA Board of Directors will assess this situation regularly over the next few weeks. This includes all workouts, skill development, practices and contests.



Junior Deputy Program: The Madison County Sheriff's Office Junior Deputy Program gives Hot Springs students the opportunity to build character while learning more about the justice system and Law Enforcement. Activities include, helping improve and clean up the campus grounds, and meeting on club days to learn about Law Enforcement responsibility.



Educators Attend Training at WRESA: Several elementary teachers from Brush Creek Elementary School attended a training this week at WRESA on the power of Number Sense Routines for building number sense in students. Teachers are Making It Happen for the students with number sense!



February Rotary Employee of the Month: Melissa Carver was recognized as the Employee of the Month by Rotary at their regular meeting in February. Ms. Carver, pictured on the right, is an employee with the Early Childhood Education Center. Also pictured is Carla Franklin, Director of ECEC. Congratulations!

