



Superintendent's Report

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State Superintendent Defends Emergency Contract: State Superintendent Mark Johnson is blaming the state Department of Information Technology's "inaction" for creating the situation that caused him to approve a \$928,570 "emergency purchase" of a controversial reading program last week. DIT had questioned the after-hours purchase and given Johnson until Tuesday to provide "sufficient justification" or risk having the contract with Istation suspended or canceled. In his response, Johnson said he had to act last week because schools needed to have a program in place the following morning to test students under the Read To Achieve law. [Hui, K. "NC school chief defends \\$928,000 after-hours contract and blames DIT for emergency" News & Observer. 1/14/20.](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 01/23/20 Special Called Meeting
Central Support 5:30 PM
- 01/27/20 Board Meeting
Central Support
Closed 5:00 PM
Work 5:30 PM
Open 6:00 PM

Bookmobile Goes to Brush Creek: We appreciate Nicholas Honeycutt for bringing the Madison County Schools Bookmobile to BCES. Brush Creek Elementary second graders read Miss Dorothy and Her Bookmobile by Gloria Houston. They had many questions about bookmobiles. Bears got to hear how the project got started, take a tour of the Bookmobile and take a ride around the parking lot! Thank you Mr. Honeycutt for sharing your time and talents!



Attachments:

- Kindergarten Registration Flyer



MECHS Student Mascot for A-B Tech: MECHS Student, Joseph Ammons, represented the Early College well yesterday at A-B Tech's 60 year celebration. He was selected by Ms. Garland to be the mascot and did a wonderful job at the celebration. AB Tech does a great job of building a feeling of community on the campus. Each semester they host a campus-wide lunch that is free to students and staff as well as having several festivals and career/transfer fairs that our students can attend.

Madison County Schools Mission



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

Watching Teachers Teach: One way Madison Middle School teachers learn is by watching other teachers teaching! Our 6th Grade ELA teachers spent the morning visiting another school and then returned to MMS for collaborative long-range planning! Our teachers are Making it Happen!



United Way Donates School Supplies: Thanks to the United Way of Buncombe County for the donation of school supplies for the second semester. We have received boxes of pencils, notebooks, crayons, folders, glue and notebook paper. We appreciate this community support!

MLK Day: "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." *Martin Luther King, Jr.*