



# Superintendent's Report

Dr. Will Hoffman, Superintendent

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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

10/28/19	Board Meeting	Central SS
	Closed	5:00 PM
	Work	5:30 PM
	Open	6:00 PM

## Attachments:

**NC State Superintendent's Advisory Council:** The first meeting of the NC State Superintendent's Advisory Council was held on Tuesday, October 1. Dr. Hoffman is representing Region 8 on the council. There have been a number of contentious issues that have come up in recent months, including the adoption of iStation, that replaced the K-3 assessment tool Reading 3D. The advisory council is focused on strengthening communication between school districts and DPI, increasing transparency, developing a shared vision, and moving forward collectively and not contentiously. Superintendents said that communication is critical in establishing trust and achieving long-term goals. They asked for a seat at the table, early in the decision making process at DPI, to work together on initiatives that impact students and teachers from across North Carolina.

**Hands-On Learning at MHE:** Mars Hill Elementary fifth graders explored and hiked Bailey Mountain as part of a hands-on science program with Muddy Sneakers. Classes were held at the Smith Farm to explore and learn from Bailey Mountain. Also at Mars Hill Elementary, Kindergarteners in Mrs. Leslie and Mrs. Sandi's class tasted a variety of apples, and they voted on their favorite apple. Granny Smith was the winner!



**JROTC Team Competition:** Congratulations to Madison High School's JROTC Raider team for their superb performance at the Clyde A. Erwin Raider meet. Their hard work and dedication paid off! The team finished 3rd place out of 12 teams consisting of Army and Air Force JROTC. We are proud of all your accomplishments!

**Gear Up and FFA at MECHS:** MECHS has revitalized their online learning lab with a new set of laptops provided by Tom Field through Gear Up. Students will utilize this new cart to take online courses through A-B Tech, NCVPS, and/or Edmentum. This cart replaces the old desktops that have been in place since 2009. A huge thank you to the Technology Department for their work getting the old ones out and the new ones ready for the students to use. Also, at the Early College brother and sister, Sarah and Wayne Landers, have worked to maximize FFA opportunities. Sarah earned several scholarships at a resource working at NC State, and Wayne is the first MCS student in 15 years to be selected for the National FFA Band!



## Madison County Schools

### Mission



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



**Special Delivery Thank You Gifts:** Mrs. Karen Blevins, Chair of the Madison County Board of Education and Dr. Will Hoffman, Superintendent, hand delivered a "Thank you for Making It Happen" gift to the Teachers of the Year selected from each school for 2019-2020. Pictured is Mr. Tommy Hicks, MMS and Mr. Eric Blackman, MECHS. We thank all of our excellent Teachers for all you do every day by "Making it Happen" for our students!

