

Dr. Will Hoffman, Superintendent

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**Recognizing Schools' Achievements:** At the Board meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019, Lisa Gahagan, Assistant Superintendent, recognized multiple schools within our district by presenting them with Growth Certificates provided by NCDPI. Brush Creek Elementary, Hot Springs Elementary and Mars Hill Elementary Schools earned certificates for exceeding academic growth expectations for students during the 2018-19 school year. Madison Early College High School received a certificate for meeting academic growth during the 2018-2019 school year as well as receiving a 100% Graduation Rate Club certificate provided by the State of North Carolina. Ms. Gahagan also noted, "We have some of the best educators in the state in our district. I am extremely proud of our staff and students."

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

01/27/20	Board Meeting	CSS
	Closed	5:00 PM
	Work	5:30 PM
	Open	6:00 PM

**MCS Teacher of the Year Global Teacher Fellowship:** MCS has been working for the past year to identify a donor who will sponsor our Teacher of the Year to travel abroad with other teachers from North Carolina. We are very fortunate that Terry Van Duyn, a Madison County land owner, will sponsor our Teacher of the Year for the next three years (\$6,500/yr) beginning in 2020-2021. The next Go Global NC trip will go to Australia with the following highlights:

- Learn about Australia's unique history, culture, and physical environment.
- Explore native peoples' rights by comparing and contrasting the experiences of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples and our own Native American populations.
- Study the impact of a warming sea on Australia's Great Barrier Reef and the Australian government's response

**Attachments:**



Below are two initiatives that have been discussed in our Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) meetings:

**Madison County Schools**

**Mission**



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



**Halo Smart Sensors/Vape detectors:** Madison High School's Student Government Association (SGA) presented a report for the Board of Education at the regular scheduled meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019. The students highlighted their concerns for vaping and the need for vape detectors in the restrooms at the high school. Dr. David Robinson, Principal, reported they have researched the different types of detectors and have determined that Halo Smart Sensors to be the most reliable. The SGA requested funding for two detectors to be placed in the student restrooms. The Board is very supportive of this request. Additional information about the functions of the detectors will be obtained and reported to the Board at the next regular scheduled meeting.

**Telehealth Program Approved:** Mrs. Tonya H. Shuffler, DNP, NP and Amanda Martin, MHA Executive Director, presented a report in regard to Telehealth program for the Board at the regular scheduled meeting on Monday. Mrs. Shuffler reported that this program is already in place in a few of the surrounding school systems and has been working very efficiently. The focus of the program is to help students and parents have medical care while at school and decrease student absences. Mrs. Shuffler will work with the school nurses through virtual visits using a mobile app. Students and staff will be able to be seen through virtual equipment and receive diagnosis and treatment options. Services will be available to every student regardless of Insurance type. The Board was supportive of this program and a motion was approved to begin the Telehealth program in our schools.