

Superintendent's Report

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2021 Academic Growth: Congratulations to our faculty on their 2021 academic growth scores. Well over 95% of our staff either met academic growth expectations or exceeded academic growth expectations last year. We all want a year's worth of academic growth for a year's worth of instruction for our kids, at a minimum. Our teachers met or exceeded state standards for growth across our schools. We also recognize that this is a team effort. We are grateful for our outstanding school administrators, central office, counselors, social workers, clerical staff, teacher assistants, bus drivers, child nutrition, custodians and maintenance. Madison County Schools' employees make a positive difference every day in the lives of our students and families.



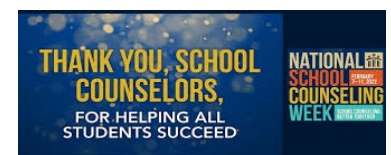
Professional Development: As a Cohort 1 LETRS district, we are grateful for the state's investment in professional development aligned to the Science of Reading for our K-5 teachers. Our teachers are studying cognitive science, neuroscience and teaching the foundational literacy skills of comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, phonics and phonemic awareness. This professional development continued today, February 11. This professional development will result in positive gains for the students in Madison County Schools.



Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) Update: The Public Health Toolkit (K-12) was updated February 10th and will be effective as of February 21st. Please see the link attached to review the updates.

- Individual contact tracing and exclusion for asymptomatic students/staff is no longer required.
- No longer exclude from school for household or community close contact.
- When a positive case is identified, school should notify potentially exposed students and staff – so they can test, obtain guidance etc.
- The school may notify on a large group level (whole class, team, etc.) instead of an individual level.
- It is recommended that close contacts still wear a mask for 10 days after exposure.
- Local Health Director will still have authority to implement more robust control measures.
- It is recommended to allow asymptomatic close contact students to stay home if parents prefer, without penalty.
- Masks are still required on buses – CDC rules.
- Masking and testing after exposure is highly recommended.

National School Counseling Week: February 7-11th was National School Counseling week. We appreciate all of our School Counselors for helping all students succeed.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

2/28/22 Board Meeting
Central Support/MECHS
Closed 5:00 PM
Work 5:30 PM
Open 6:00 PM

Attachments:

[Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\)](#)

Madison County Schools Mission



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