



GUIDING OUR WAY FORWARD

**October 6 – 8, 2020
Planning and Work Session**

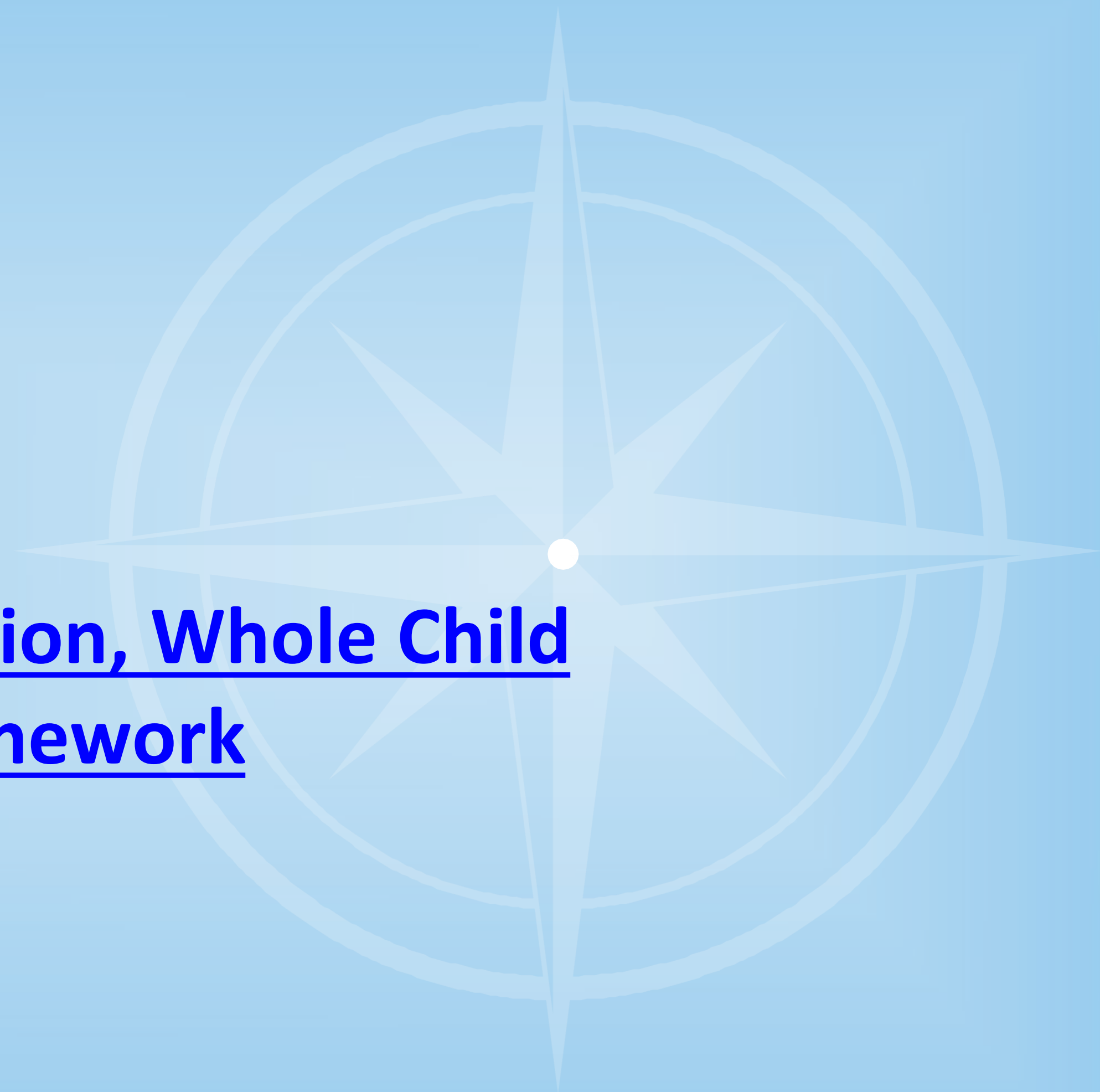
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Equity & Whole Child

Approved Equity Resolution, Whole Child Resolution & Action Framework



TUESDAY – October 6 - DAY 1

- **Welcome Address – Mr. James Ford & Ms. Jill Camnitz**
- **Opening Keynote – Dr. Ann McColl – Partnerships in Action: Historical Truth Telling - Recognizing our Past and Intentional Steps Forward**
- **Panel Discussion – District Perspectives: Addressing Equity & Whole Child Pre and Post COVID – Charting our Path Forward**
- **Whole Child Commitments – Using Data to Inform Policy (Youth Risk Behavior Survey) & Establishing Policy to Focus on School-Based Mental Health Needs**



Mr. James Ford & Ms. Jill Camnitz

Welcome Address

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee will offer the opening address for the meeting and outline the goals of this Fall Planning and Work Session.

Updates will be provided on the development on the dashboard to ultimately measure the impact of the metric established in the Strategic Plan and the Board's Action Framework.



Dr. Ann McColl

Opening Keynote – Partnerships in Action: Historical Truth Telling - Recognizing our Past and Intentional Steps Forward

Dr. Ann McColl serves as co-founder and president of The Innovation Project (TIP), a non-profit consortium of superintendents working together to strengthen public education. Ann is an attorney and has worked in the field of education law and policy since graduating from the UNC Law School in 1991. Her positions include legislative director for the State Board of Education, general counsel for the North Carolina Association of School Administrators and the North Carolina School Superintendents Association, general counsel for the North Carolina Association of Educators, and legal counsel and director of policy for the North Carolina School Boards Association. She also has served as associate professor of educational leadership at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte College of Education, visiting faculty at the School of Government, and adjunct faculty for the UNC School of Education and UNC School of Law. Ann has shared versions of Constitutional Tales – multi-media presentations that share the shaping of North Carolina’s Constitution through tales of critical events and courageous leaders - with audiences across North Carolina since 2007.



Dr. McColl will outline the partnership between the State Board of Education and the intersections between her work at TIP and our strategic priorities/guiding principles. Additionally, she will use historical storytelling to outline some intentional steps the State Board of Education can take to continue to make progress as outlined in the Strategic Plan and Action Framework.



Panel Discussion

District Perspectives: Addressing Equity & Whole Child Pre and Post COVID – Charting our Path Forward

A panel discussion will be conducted with representatives from Edgecombe and Vance Counties. This discussion will highlight perspectives from various stakeholders in these respective districts to detail how they are using an equity/whole-child framework to inform their policies and other decisions.

Edgecombe County Representatives

- Mr. Lashaun Jenkins - Assistant Principal, Tarboro High School
- Mr. Elijah Sellars – High School Junior - NC School of Science and Math
- Mr. Kenai Gunter – High School Senior - Tarboro High School

Edgecombe County Public Schools – Tarboro, NC

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Vance County Representatives

- Ms. Kedecia Stewart-Faines – Assistant Principal – Vance County Middle School
- Mr. Edward Ortega - Principal – LB Yancey Elementary
- Ms. Kim Meza - ESL/Title III/ Migrant Director



Whole Child Commitments

Using Data to Inform Policy (Youth Risk Behavior Survey) & Establishing Policy to Focus on School-Based Mental Health Needs

Dr. Ellen Essick, Section Chief, SIS and NC Healthy Schools, will provide an overview of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and detail the intersections of this work with the SBE's Whole Child and Equity guiding principles. Information in this presentation will detail important metrics to feed the SBE's Strategic Plan and Action Framework.

Dr. Matt Hoskins, Assistant Director – NCDPI Exceptional Children Division, and other members of his team will propose a policy for consideration in response to SL 2019-245, SL 2020-7 detailing requirements for a School Mental Health Plan. The policy outlines the required pieces of the statute requiring each K-12 public school unit (PSU) to adopt and implement a plan for promoting student mental health and well-being and for assessing and improving upon the effectiveness of supports for the mental and social-emotional health and substance use needs of its students and staff by July 1, 2021.



WEDNESDAY – October 7 - DAY 2

- **Opening Keynote – Ms. Effie McMillian & Dr. Beverly Emory – Translating Policy into Action**
- **myFutureNC – Building Bridges through Partnerships: Merging Goals and Objectives to Increase Opportunity and Access for NC Students**



Ms. Effie McMillian & Dr. Beverly Emory



Opening Keynote – Translating Policy into Action

Ms. Effie McMillian joined Winston Salem/Forsyth County (WSFCS), October 2019, as its Executive Director of Equity, Access, and Acceleration. Prior to joining WSFCS, she served in the Guilford County Schools system for 22 years as a teacher, literacy coach, K-6 English Language Arts Curriculum Specialist, and Supervisor of Early Literacy Project for African American males in grades K-3. In more recent years, she served as the Supervisor of Equity in the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for GCS. She has also served as an adjunct instructor at her alma mater, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, in the School of Education for the past 15 years. As a passionate educator, it has always been McMillian's mission to promote and empower students to reach his or her fullest potential and support other educators in creating inclusive and equitable learning environments.

Effie is a native of Clinton, NC and is a product of Sampson County Schools. She resides in Guilford County with her husband, Scot, daughter, Paige, and her two Cocker Spaniels, Cooper and HarleyQuinn.

Her presentation will highlight to the State Board of Education the Winston Salem Forsyth County's strategic plan, it's focus on achieving equity and the connections to the State Board of Education's plan, translating policy into action.

Dr. Beverly Emory, recently named as the Leandro Executive Director, will provide a broad overview of her plan to transform North Carolina's lowest performing schools relating this plan to the *Leandro* Response to the courts earlier this year. She will detail how she plans to translate the Board approved Strategic Plan and Action Framework into action at the state level to make progress toward its *Leandro* commitments.





Building Bridges through Partnerships: Merging Goals and Objectives to Increase Opportunity and Access for NC Students

Ms. Cecilia Holden, CEO myFutureNC in coordination with Ms. Elizabeth McDuffie & Dr. Kathryn Marker (NCSEAA) will provide an overview for the State Board of Education its goals and objective to increase postsecondary educational attainment in NC by 2030.

Specifically, they will cover the partnership and overlaps with the SBE's Strategic Plan and Action Framework relating to the importance of FAFSA completion. The presentation will conclude with specific requests to the Board to further its partnership with myFutureNC and other partners to yield increased opportunity and access for NC students.

THURSDAY – October 8 - DAY 3

- **Closing Keynote: The Response – Ms. Kisha Clemons – Together We Can: Leadership & Partnerships to Meet our Goals**



Ms. Kisha Clemons



Closing Keynote: The Response – *Together We Can: Leadership & Partnerships to Meet our Goals*

Ms. Kisha Clemons, principal of Shuford Elementary School in the Newton-Conover City School district, is the 2020 Wells Fargo North Carolina Principal of the Year and advisor to the State Board of Education.

Clemons brought a strong focus on personalized learning to Shuford Elementary when she joined the school in 2016, an approach she credits for the school's solid academic gains during her tenure. During each of her first three years at Shuford, the school exceeded its annual academic growth goals by robust margins. The school was honored as a National Title 1 Distinguished School in 2018 for strong performance among educationally disadvantaged students.

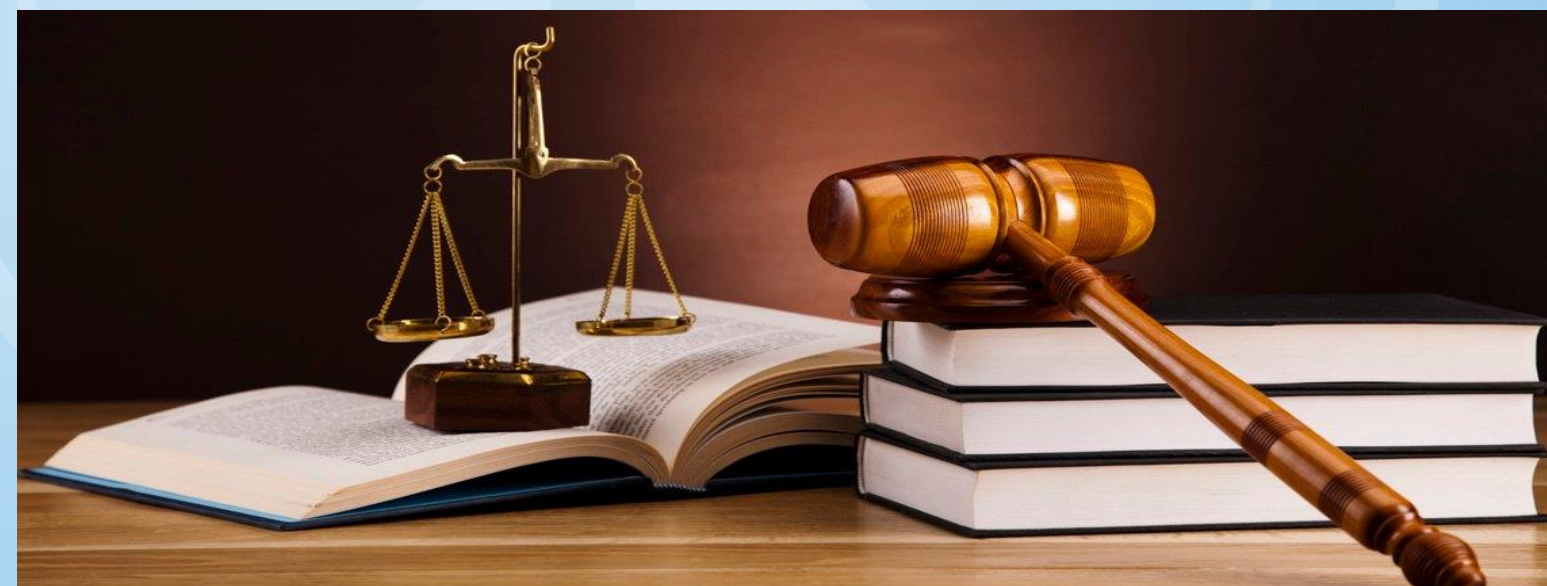
The former elementary and middle school music teacher from Catawba County said that the school's culture of personalized learning empowers students and teachers through strong staff collaboration and instruction customized for the needs of individual students.

Ms. Clemons will detail for the Board, equity and whole child practices at her school and how using this framework closes opportunity gaps for students and needed actions to continue to meet the needs of every student in our state.





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