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North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Superintendent Catherine Truitt State Board of Education Report

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AIM Conference



AIM Conference

- Nearly 1,700 educators from across the state gathered in Raleigh for professional development, inspiration and fellowship at the AIM Conference.
- The conference was focused on the North Carolina Portrait of a Graduate.



Lunch with Aspiring Teachers from Middle Creek High School

Approximately 40 students from Middle Creek High School joined us at the AIM Conference on Tuesday. I had the opportunity to talk to them about their hopes and dreams, as well as share about a variety of careers in the education field.



Student Showcase

- The Student Showcase focused on programs that are preparing North Carolina's students for the post secondary plans of their choice.
- Students were provided hands-on demonstrations of what they are learning in these courses.



DPI Employee Appreciation Reception

All DPI staff members were invited to join us for our first ever DPI Employee Appreciation Reception for fellowship, fun, inspiration and to celebrate our longest-tenured employees.



Superintendents' Quarterly



Inaugural Superintendents' Quarterly Meeting

- We held the first-ever Superintendents' Quarterly Meeting at the AIM Conference.
- We were able to hold conversations about important topics, including School Performance Grade Redesign, legislative updates, high school athletics, NC Teacher Working Conditions Survey, etc.



Milken Educator Awards



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Ainsley VanBuskirk

First Grade Teacher

Pactolus Global School, Pitt County



Asia Cunningham

Principal

*Pearsontown Elementary School,
Pitt County*



SEA-Tech High School Visit with SparkNC



Visit to SEA-Tech High School

- Visited the newly-opened SparkNC Lab at SEA-Tech High School, where students gain hands-on experience and explore STEM careers.
- Students can take self-directed, competency-based units and earn stackable credits.





CCSSO Annual Policy Forum



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- **Small group discussion** at the Council of Chief State School Officers' Annual Policy Forum
- **Discussion Topic:** how North Carolina is modernizing the state education system to achieve our vision for students by using time differently.
- In North Carolina, there are two ways we are doing this.
 - Our student-focused approach - **Portrait of a Graduate**
 - Our educator-driven approach - **reforming the licensure and compensation system**



ExcelinEd



ExcelinEd National Summit on Education

- **Panel discussion:**

- How NC is using DIBELS 8 as a universal screener for early literacy
- How this enables us to provide meaningful assessment data that shows us what our students know and still need to learn.
- How a universal screener has to be layered with other programs to be truly successful.

- **Next steps:**

- Looking ahead toward early math education



Questions?

