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Superintendent Catherine Truitt State Board of Education Report

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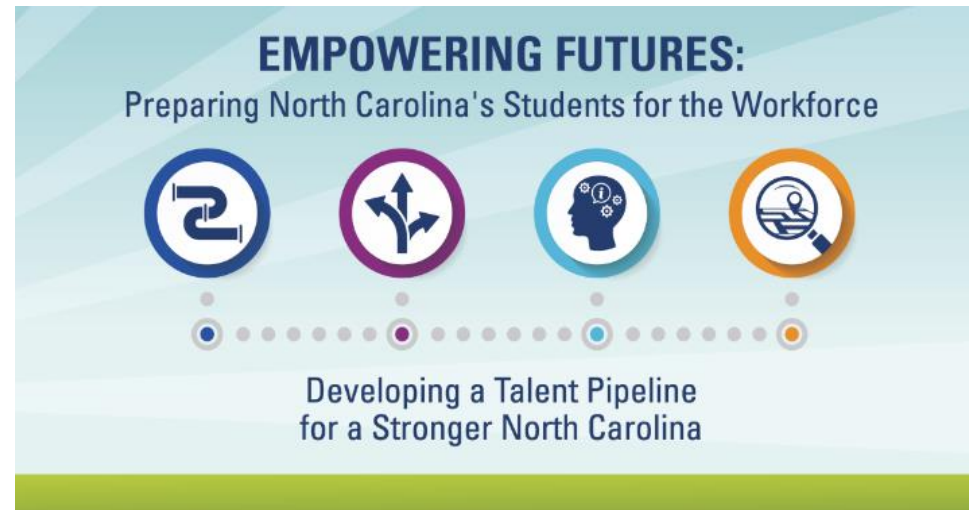
Employer Toolkit Launch

- Answering business/industry question: *“How can we work with schools?”*
- Concrete examples for how businesses can partner with
 - elementary (K-5),
 - middle (6-8),
 - high school (9-12)
- Through concepts of
 - awareness
 - exploration
 - experience
- EdNC:
 - Liz Bell
 - Molly Urquhart



Functions and Features

- **“Tools & “Next Steps”** button – linking business directly to NCDPI to jumpstart discussions
- **“Best Practice Videos”** – to spotlight districts that have done a stellar job connecting with schools



Employer Toolkit Launch

- **“Employer Case Studies”** section – videos showing business how they can meaningfully engage with students
 - **Carolina CAT** – Union County Public Schools
 - **Atrium Health** – Wilkes County Schools
 - **GSK Internships** – Durham Public School





- Goals
- K-12 Toolkit
- Employer Toolkit**
- Data
- Resources
- Partners

A technically skilled and educated workforce is the cornerstone of a strong, healthy economy; and a highly qualified workforce begins in North Carolina’s classrooms. That’s why Superintendent Truitt partnered with the NC Chamber to create this new toolkit, to help businesses connect with North Carolina’s public schools.

With North Carolina’s rapidly changing workforce, creating a stronger, more intentional relationship between the K-12 education and business sectors has never been more vital. This Toolkit is one way to bridge that divide. Read on to learn more.

[Employer Toolkit](#)

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NC Symphony Board of Trustees

- NC Symphony serves all 100 counties and 150,000 students
- Music education in alignment with our arts ed standards
- Forthcoming arts education diploma endorsement



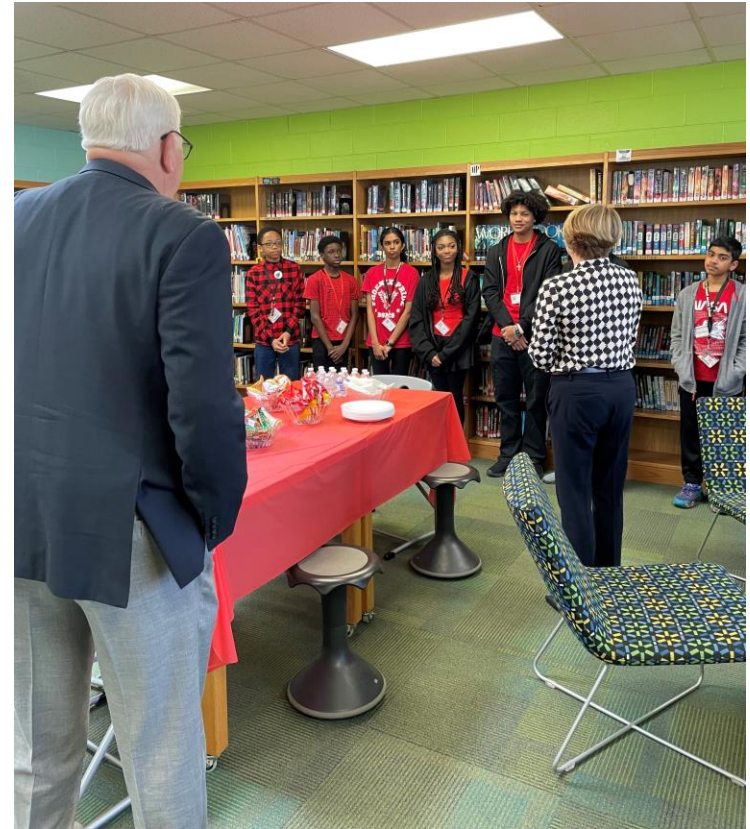
Guilford County Schools

- Brown Summit Middle
- The Academy at Lincoln
- Featured in US News & World Report's elementary and middle school rankings



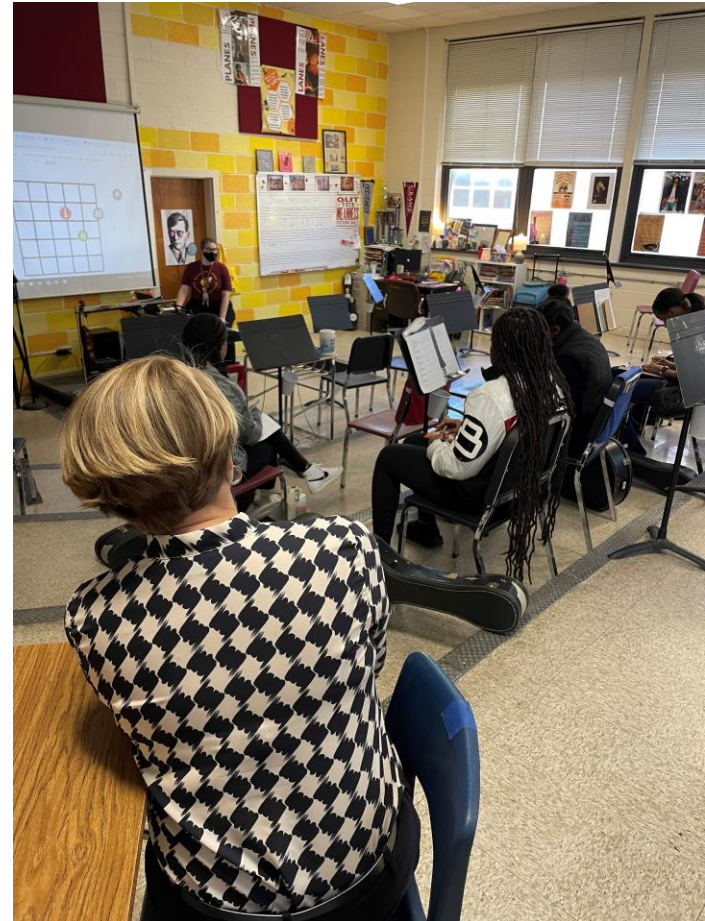
Brown Summit Middle

- Principal: Dr. Kimberly Jones-Goods
- 6th grade social studies- artifact discovery
- English 1 discussions
- Takeaway:
 - student confidence and pride
 - incredibly thoughtful classroom discussions



The Academy at Lincoln

- **Principal:** Chaundra Norman Rogers
- Attended an Encore Classroom – band!
- Student Ambassadors Meet and Greet
- Takeaway:
 - Off-the-charts student-level engagement
 - Unique school programming opportunities



House Select Committee on Education Reform

- **Presented Update:** Redesign efforts on school performance grade model
- **Goal:** for the model to tell more about the quality of each school and how each school is preparing students for life after graduation

