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June SBE Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operation Polaris• Literacy Priority• District Visits and Voices:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- School Visit to Onslow (April 29)-“Science of reading causes change in instruction because teachers see the light, not feel the heat.” – Deputy Superintendent Beth Folger• OCS Video to share their Science of Reading journey• Voices From the Field<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Dr. Barry Collins, OCS Superintendent-Dr. Mark Bulris, OCS Executive Director of Elementary Education-Mr. Jerome Gidrey, Principal of Summersill Elementary-Mrs. Courtney Hughes, Teacher at Summersill Elementary
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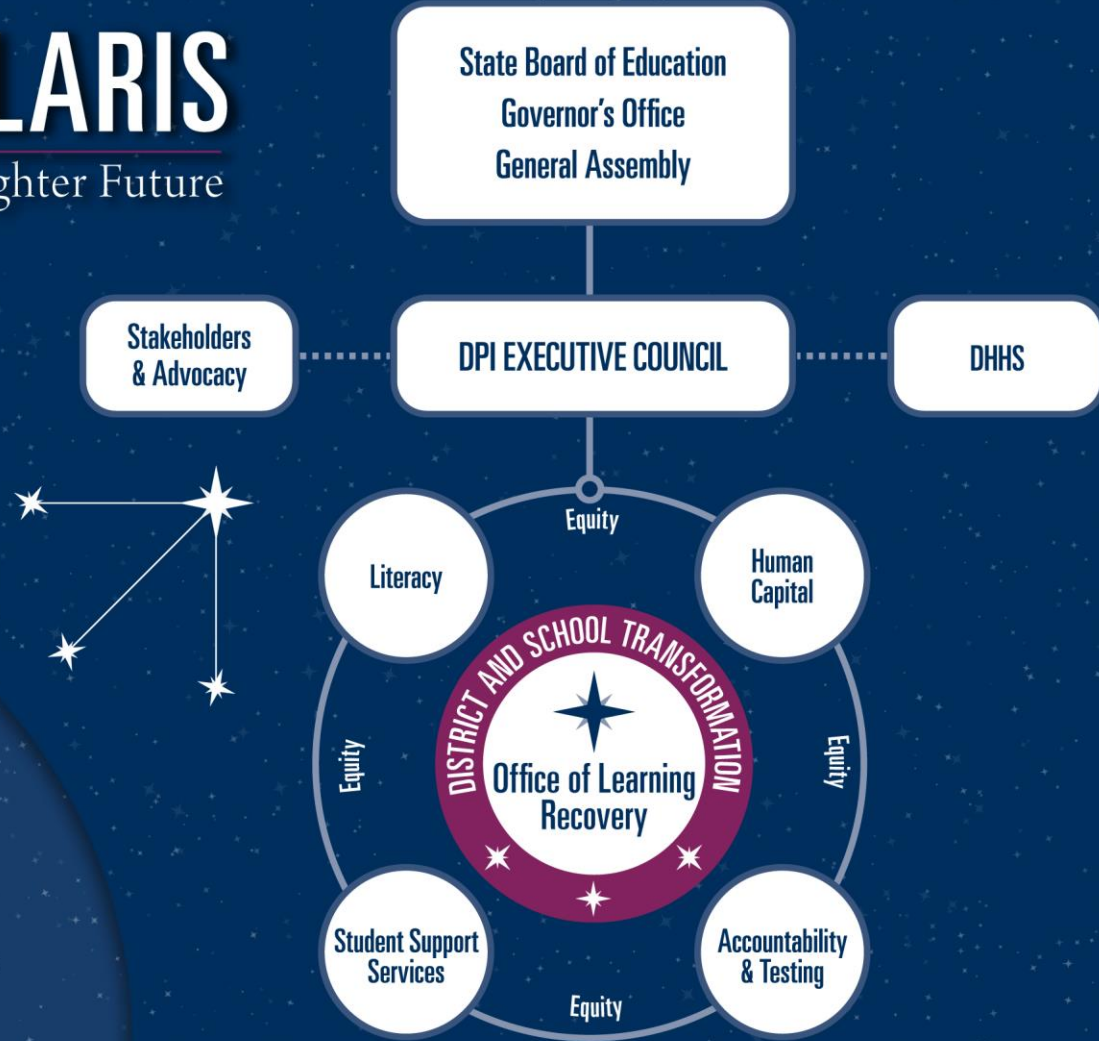
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OPERATION POLARIS

Navigating Students Toward a Brighter Future



Literacy Priority: Operation Polaris

Onslow County Schools:

- Visited on April 29
- Heard firsthand how the Science of Reading: transformed thinking and teaching in OCS
 - Over 300 teachers immersed in SOR training
- *“Science of reading causes change in instruction because teachers see the light, not feel the heat.”* – Deputy Superintendent Beth Folger



Onslow County's Journey to Improving Literacy Proficiency

- Inspired a video
 - Videos can be found [here](#)
- Worked in conjunction with OCS to share their journey with SOR using LETRS. Goals:
 - Demystify the process
 - Show and tell what this journey has looked like from an NC district's POV
 - Share about improved outcomes for students
- Window into what this literacy transformation will look like statewide



Voices From the Field

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