



OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Superintendent Catherine Truitt State Board of Education Report

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Beginning Teacher of the Year

- 27 teachers selected as finalists for the NCCAT Empower Beginning Teacher of the Year
- Met with these teachers over 3 days
 - Dedication
 - Innovation
 - Ability to inspire
- **Winner:**
 - Natalia Mejia: an MLL teacher at CC Griffin STEM Middle School

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Pratt & Whitney – Asheville

- **What:** Pratt & Whitney: American aerospace manufacturer with a state-of-the-art turbine airfoil production facility in Asheville
- **On Site:**
 - 1.2 million square foot facility
 - Featuring highly automated manufacturing
- The \$650 million investment
 - Expected to create 800 new jobs through 2027, and to date, the majority of the current 150 positions have been filled by local hires



Pratt & Whitney



Pratt & Whitney – Asheville

- P&W is investing in the local community to grow its skilled workforce
- P&W **Partnering with A-B Tech** → grow a pipeline
- P&W has **endorsed short term training** programs including at A-B Tech:
 - Machining Fundamentals – 15 weeks (330 hours)
 - Certified Production Technician – Online and Self Paced
 - CNC 101 – 6 weeks, 96 hours, One Year Industry experience



[Pratt & Whitney Training | Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College \(abtech.edu\)](http://abtech.edu)



A-B Tech's Advanced Manufacturing Center



- Began accepting registrations for a free program designed to put individuals on the path to:
 - full-time employment
 - with benefits in aerospace manufacturing
- Manufacturing experience is not necessary for this opportunity
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens and have a high school diploma or the equivalent.
- ***Key example of how business and community college + K-12 can work together to engage students!*

Computer Science Legislation



- Through House Bill 8, the computer science discipline would be added to the English, math, science and social studies requirements for graduation from a North Carolina public high school.
- Computer science includes coding, programming, software and hardware design, artificial intelligence and so much more.
- This requirement will expose students early to a top five growing career in North Carolina prior to graduating.

EDPNC



- The Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina
- Helps businesses large and small succeed in NC: workforce ed, biz climate, infrastructure, quality of life, incentives, clean energy
- Shared about NC Public Schools' efforts around reading, reform, readiness



Center for Safer Schools 10th Anniversary

- Held on March 17 with DPS Staff, legislators, and state and local leaders attended.
- Opportunity to recap the work of CFSS: past, present and future.
- Major initiatives:
 - EKG2,
 - SHINE/SEED,
 - Mental Health First Aid
 - and the Rave Panic Alarm.
- Future plans:
 - Adding a parent engagement initiative, which will complement the Parent Advisory Commission
 - CFSS will add 12-15 staff members including one school safety specialist in all eight regions



Lockhart Elementary

- We had the opportunity to visit three classrooms to see LETRS in action at varying grade levels.
- We met with both beginning and veteran teachers, and administrators throughout our visit.

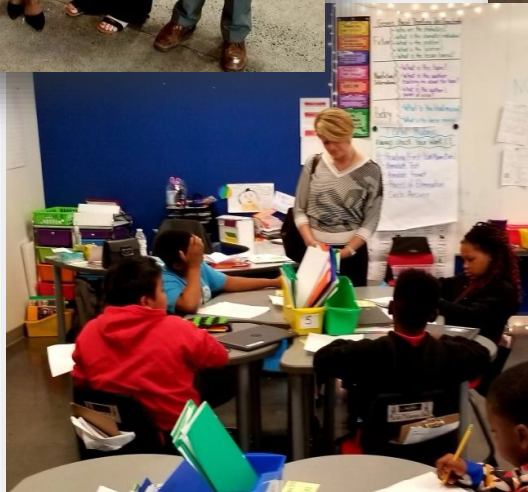
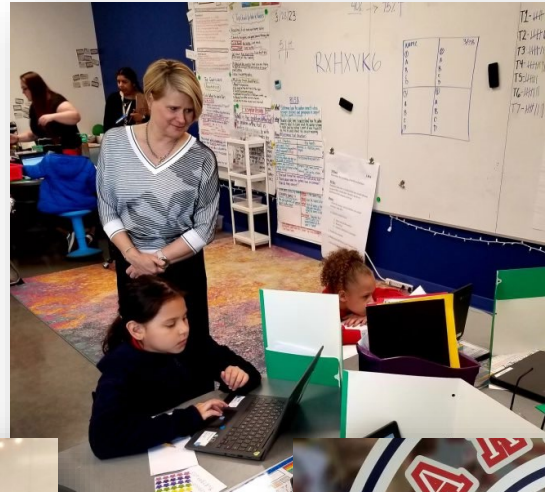


Youth Legislative Assembly

- YLA is hands-on, real-world learning opportunity that is exactly how students should begin to engage, explore, and experience potential pathways before graduation.
- Civic engagement is essential for our country, and it was very exciting to see so many take an interest in government and want to actively participate in it.



School Visits at Union Academy & Movement School



Questions?

