



Teaching and Learning Department BOE Report, January 9, 2018

1. Item of Information: CFIT Fall 2017 Culmination Night
Goal Areas: (1) Academic Achievement, (2) Stakeholder Engagement
Persons Responsible: Dr. Angela Moton, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

To date, over 600 students and 26 teachers representing each elementary and middle school of the Barrow County School System have taken part in over 250 different arts integration sessions through our pilot program with ArtsNow and their amazingly talented consultants at the Barrow County School System Center for Innovative Teaching, CFIT.

CFIT held its first Open House featuring The ArtsNow Teacher Pilot Program's Fall Exposition on Monday, December 18th, from 5:00-7:00PM. The vision of student learning, professional teacher development, innovative teaching practices, and outside-the-box approaches to learning came together in a truly Barrow BOLD way. The evening included participation from elementary and middle school teachers and students, with student engagement in all core content areas, theater, dance and visual arts integration, live student performances, digital storytelling, hands-on exhibits, creative learning spaces, a virtual and augmented reality showcase and much more. The event was very well attended with well over 500 adults and students in attendance.

Mr. Lee Bane, Director of Innovative Learning, will present highlights of the Fall Open House as well as an update on other collaborations taking place on the CFIT Campus. A summary of recently completed events and programs utilizing the facility will be followed by an outline of ongoing innovations currently underway. After a brief look at upcoming events on the CFIT calendar, specific qualitative and quantitative data points regarding the pilot program at CFIT will be shared. The presentation will close with a report on how our Barrow BOLD innovations are being recognized at the local, state, and federal levels. A short film will be included with the presentation.

ATTACHMENT #2: CFIT Fall Culmination Announcement

ATTACHMENT #3: CFIT Fall 2017 Culmination Program

