



Our Future, Our Commitment, Our Students

## Friday Update 2/3/6

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Arts Educators Meeting	2/8	4:00 p.m.	LHS – Media Center
PTA/PTO Council	2/9	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Designers of Tomorrow Awards Program	2/9	7:30 p.m.	CCMS
SHAC Meeting	2/10	8:30 a.m.	Child Nutrition Annex – WRRR
BOE Policy Committee	2/13	6:00 p.m.	MMC
BOE Meeting	2/13	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Principals' Meeting	2/15	8:30 a.m.	Riverside School
Long-Range Facility Plan Task Force Meeting	2/20	7:00 p.m.	MMC
APs Meeting/Academy	2/21	4:00 p.m.	EBES

**Principal Professional Development:** The State Board of Education recently issued regulations requiring principals to obtain professional development aimed specifically at ways to attract and keep high-quality teachers. The regulation stipulates, “School administrators must earn at least five renewal credits during each renewal cycle focused on the principal’s role in teacher effectiveness, teacher evaluations, teacher support programs, teacher leadership, teacher empowerment, and teacher retention.” (<http://sbepolicy.dpi.state.nc.us/> for full text) Participants in most of PEP’s programs are eligible for Continuing Education Units in these content areas. For information regarding specific PEP programs and CEUs, visit <http://www.ncpep.org>, click on “Programs,” select the program you are interested in, and click on “CEUs” in the box at the right side of the page. (Principals, we will discuss this new requirement at our March meeting.)

**Alternative Licensure Informational Fair:** Please see flier attached to the email transmitting the Friday Update for information regarding the Alternative Licensure Informational Fair. The fair will be held February 21<sup>st</sup> in Raleigh and February 23<sup>rd</sup> in Durham. It is sponsored by the schools of education at NCCU, UNC/CH and NCSU. For more information, please contact Judy Lassiter at 919-496-2116.

**NCWISE:** 1) We are getting ready to start the scheduling procedures for the 2006-2007 school year. Principals and staffs should be deciding about changes for the new school year. We will be meeting with data managers, principals and counselors in the very near future to formulate plans. 2) Attendance must be taken every day, and teachers are legally responsible for coding absences as excused or leaving them as unexcused in NCWISE. This is not a responsibility of data managers. 3) Data managers and the designated backup person should be working together as the managers will be at the NCWISE Symposium February 20-22, 2006. (Patty Jones)

**TESTING:** A revised testing calendar is now available on the web page. This calendar includes the EOG Retest 1 and 2 dates as well as many of the field tests that will be done in the next few months. The *Extend2* field test for grades 3-8 will be February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for students currently assigned that assessment on their IEP. The ESL staff will begin annual IPT testing soon. Thanks for helping with the proctors and rooms for this testing.

**Tax Free Florida:** Brian Miller, the Director of Bands at LHS and TLMS, applied for and received “tax free” status for all Franklin County Schools who travel to Florida. Our Florida Tax Free Certificate is good through 2010. This means that when we take students on field trips, we will not be charged sales tax. Thank you, Brian.

**Have A Great Weekend,**

**Bert L’Homme,  
Superintendent**