



Our Future, Our Commitment, Our Students

## Friday Update 2/17/6

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Teacher Workday for Traditional Calendar	2/20	---	---
Board C&I Meeting	2/20	4:00 p.m.	MMC
BOCC Bond 2006 Hearing	2/20	7:00 p.m.	BOCC Meeting Room
APs Meeting/Academy	2/21	4:00 p.m.	EBES
Band, Music, and Drama Teachers Meeting	2/22	4:00 p.m.	LHS
Dropout Meeting	2/23	4:00 p.m.	BHS
BOE Budget Meeting	2/27	6:00 p.m.	MMC
BOE Long-Range Facilities Task Force Meeting	2/27	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Art Teachers Meeting	3/1	4:00 p.m.	LHS
NC Writing Test	3/7	---	4 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 10 <sup>th</sup> Grades
Board C&I Meeting	3/9	4:00 p.m.	MMC
SHAC	3/10	8:30 a.m.	Child Nutrition WRRRA
BOE Monthly Meeting	3/13	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Principals' Meeting	3/15	8:30 a.m.	MMC
AP Meeting/Academy	3/21	4:00 p.m.	LHS
STAC	3/22	4:00 p.m.	TLMS
Dropout Meeting	3/23	4:00 p.m.	LHS
BOE Long-Range Facilities Task Force Meeting	3/27	7:00 p.m.	MMC
BOE Policy Meeting	3/30	5:00 p.m.	MMC
BOE Budget Meeting	3/30	7:00 p.m.	MMC

**Congratulations Chris Blice!** This past Wednesday, Chris Blice, principal of Louisburg High School, was named **“Wachovia North Central Region Principal of the Year.”** He competed with over fifteen other school districts and now will compete at the state level. Chris is doing an outstanding job at LHS. Please join me in extending to Chris our heartiest congratulations.

**Congratulations Brian Williams!** Brian Williams was appointed Maintenance Supervisor, filling Danny Perry's position who recently retired. Mr. Williams attended Franklinton Elementary School and Franklinton High School. After graduation, he attended Vance-Granville Community College where he studied HVAC (Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning). Congratulations, Brian; you're the right man for the job.

**BOCC Hearing 2006 Bond:** On Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Board of County Commissioners will conduct a hearing on the 2006 Bond. The bond will be for \$45 million, and funds will be used to build a replacement for Franklinton High School, complete a new elementary school (possibly west of US 1), build an auditorium at Bunn High School, and build a CTE classroom building at Louisburg High School.

**Benefit One Account:** (For flexible spending account participants) Employees can access their **Benefit One** account by logging onto [www.benefitone.com](http://www.benefitone.com). Your user ID is your first initial, last name, and last 4 digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). Your password is your SSN, which can be changed once you log on. This will allow you to view claim activity, personal data information, and balance your account. Should you have any questions, please call Mary Leigh Inscoe at 919-496-4159.

**Long-Range Facilities Task Force:** The first meeting of the Long-Range Facilities Task Force is scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Mitchell Media Center. The Board of Education appointed all principals, leadership team members, and one teacher and one parent from each school. Additionally, Chairman Dunston (BOCC) and Mr. Chris Coudriet (County Manager) will attend and participate. This is an open meeting; everyone is welcome to attend and observe.

**Riverside/Louisburg Elementary Merger:** For more information about the Riverside/Louisburg Elementary Merger, please visit the FCS website homepage.

**Technology Alert:** The Arts and Entertainment category on the firewall is unblocked. Anyone found violating the Acceptable Use Policy will lose their network rights. This includes, but is not limited to, downloading music, personal use of the internet, and listening to internet radio. Teachers are responsible for monitoring all students accessing the internet. (Susan Leisy)

**Use of Force at High Schools and Middle Schools:** At the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Education, members discussed the use of force by school resource officers (SROs) in our schools. After a lively discussion, the board decided to invite Sheriff Jones, police chiefs with SROs in our schools, school resource officers, and principals to join them to discuss the use of force, specifically tasers, pepper spray, etc. It is important to note that it will be an open meeting and discussion of a specific incident involving a student is prohibited by federal statute. The meeting is April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Mitchell Media Center.

**AP Meeting/Academy:** The next meeting is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Edward Best Elementary School. Please remember, bring an ECP issue to discuss with the group. If you are unable to attend, please call me. (I know that several APs will not be able to attend because they are taking classes at NCSU.)

**ABC Tools Availability:** The following is an excerpt from a DPI memo signed by Dr. Fabrizio. "In the past, 'school tools' was a version meant specifically for schools. With the upgrading of ABC Tools, school tools will no longer be provided; instead, ABC Tools may be installed at the school level for use, replacing all of the functionality of the older software. An upgraded release was made available February 8<sup>th</sup>. Monthly training sessions are held at DPI and through the Regional Accountability Coordinators for LEA Test Coordinators." Should you have questions, please call Patty Jones.

**Teachers Tutoring for Pay:** David Hostetler, an attorney on the PEP staff, sent Dr. Ingram the following information regarding teachers tutoring for pay: "An educator shall not tutor for remuneration students currently assigned to the educator's classes, unless approved by the superintendent. An educator shall not accept any compensation, benefit, or thing of value other than the educator's regular compensation for the performance of any service that the educator is required to render in the course and scope of the educator's employment. [16 NCAC 6C.0602 (b)(4)]" I do not plan to give approval to teachers to tutor their students for pay unless it is an approved after-school remediation program operated by the school or school system. Lastly, if you wish to tutor for pay in a FCS building, you must fill out a "Facility Use Application" and submit the completed form to Mr. Tommy Piper, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services.

**Middle Grades Adolescent Reading Forum:** NC DPI is conducting the first annual Adolescent Reading Forum sponsored by Middle Grades Education Division, June 19-20, 2006, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Research Triangle Park. The registration fee is \$25 and limited to 200 participants. For registration information, contact Bernadette Neptune at [bneptune@dpi.state.nc.us](mailto:bneptune@dpi.state.nc.us).

**Summer Leadership Conference 2006:** *Effective Leadership Through Continuous Improvement* is the theme for this year's conference scheduled for June 25-28, 2006, at the Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC. The conference is sponsored by the NC Association of School Administrators and the Western Region Education Service Alliance. For more information, visit the WRESA website at [www.wresa.org](http://www.wresa.org).

**EVAAS Training:** Principals and CRTs, by the time you receive the *Friday Update*, you will have received your second level EVAAS training. As you may know, the General Assembly purchased this data evaluation program for all Leandro districts. This year, there is no cost to school districts; next year, we will have to purchase the program. I am anxious to hear whether or not it is a valuable tool for analyzing test data. The utility of the program will be discussed at the next Principals' Meeting and the CRT Meeting.

**Freshman Academy:** Visit the following websites to learn more about freshman academies:  
Joliet Township High School, Illinois  
[http://www.jths.org/jths/district/freshman\\_acad/index.asp](http://www.jths.org/jths/district/freshman_acad/index.asp)  
Sevier County High School, Tennessee  
<http://www.nwrel.org/scpd/sslc/descriptions/sevier/page4.asp>

**Have A Great Weekend,**

**Bert L'Homme,  
Superintendent**