



FCS Board of Education member Paige Sayles (left) and Louisburg High School Principal Chris Blice converse with State Superintendent Dr. June Atkinson.

## Atkinson visits LES

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. June Atkinson visited Louisburg December 7th to hold an open forum meeting concerning the future of education in North Carolina.

Seven counties were represented in the gym at Louisburg Elementary as Atkinson took the crowd through a presentation. The presentation explained why students will need to be more technologically literate in the coming years and how the NC Department of Instruction is planning changes to adapt to the need.



Atkinson pointed out that many of the jobs that people take now that do not require a college education are being outsourced to other nations. By the year 2017, it is expected that there will be a more than 35 percent drop in the number of jobs available in the North Carolina in manufacturing industry.

Audience members were given a chance to voice their opinions on potential educational barriers as people are forced to become more capable of performing in a technology based world. The questions were met with great enthusiasm, as were the responses.

Atkinson's town hall campaign trail will continue throughout the state through December as she outlines the needs of our children as the future approaches.