VANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD BRIEFS



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Board Recognitions

Student Spotlight Spring 2023



Student Spotlight Students Honored by BOE

The Board of Education recognized the Spring 2023 Student Spotlight honorees. Students were honored at their respective schools by local sponsors including the Henderson Dispatch, MAKO Medical, PRIM Residential and the Vance County Public School Foundation. Students were featured in the newspaper and social media during their recognition. They will be formally recognized at a banquet in May. Each student was presented a certificate, on behalf of the Board of Education.

















Retirement Honoree





Dr. Gail Powers Honored for Service

The Board of Education honored the service of Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Gail Powers, for her service to Vance County Schools. Dr. Powers will be retiring at the end of April. She joined our district in 2019 as the CTE Director and in 2021 became Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum. She was presented a rocking chair for her service and wished well on her retirement journey.

Governor's School





VCS Announces Governor's School Receipient

The North Carolina Governor's School is a four-week summer residential program for gifted and talented high school students, integrating academic disciplines, the arts, and unique courses on each of two campuses. Learning focuses on the exploration of the most recent ideas and concepts in each discipline, and it does not involve credit, tests, or grades. Students are selected to attend through a competitive process after being nominated by their public school unit or non-public school. Congratulations to Thuy Nguyen, who will represent Vance County Schools at the 2023 Governor's School Session! Nguyen attends Vance County High School.



District Receives Blue Ribbon Awards

The North Carolina School Public Relations Association (NCSPRA) honored Vance County Schools for excellence in communications, with the district earning a total of 16 Blue Ribbon Awards. The Board of Education recognized Aarika Sandlin, Dr. Destiney Ross-Putney, Brielle Barrow and Kristin Jeffreys for their work around the award-winning communication.

VCS received 5 gold awards in the following categories:
Photography - *Superintendent Bennett Reads Across the District*
Electronic Media - *Moving Forward in our Strategic Plan*
Marketing - *Center for Innovation: The Hub of Our Community*
Special Events and Programs - *Business After Hours*
Digital Media Engagement - *Alumni Roll Call: Homecoming 2022*
VCS received a perfect score for "Marketing - Center for Innovation: The Hub of Our Community" which showcases the robust work taking place.

VCS received 5 silver awards in the following categories:
Special Events and Programs - *Arts Alive 2022*
Special Events and Programs - *Honoring our Community Partnerships*
Digital Media and Engagement - *New Principal Announcements for the 2022-2023 School Year*
Photography - *Play hard. Laugh louder. Love bigger.*
Publications- *Visual Identity Across the District*

VCS received 6 bronze awards in the following categories:
Excellence in Writing - *Growing through Accountability*
Image and Graphic Design - *Vance County Schools: A Quick Glimpse*
Image and Graphic Design - *In the Know on the Road*
Electronic Media: *Polly C - A Unique Look at Policies*
Special Events and Programs - *Honoring Wayne Adcock: Auditorium Dedication*
Publications - *Strategic Plan Roadmap 2022-2025*

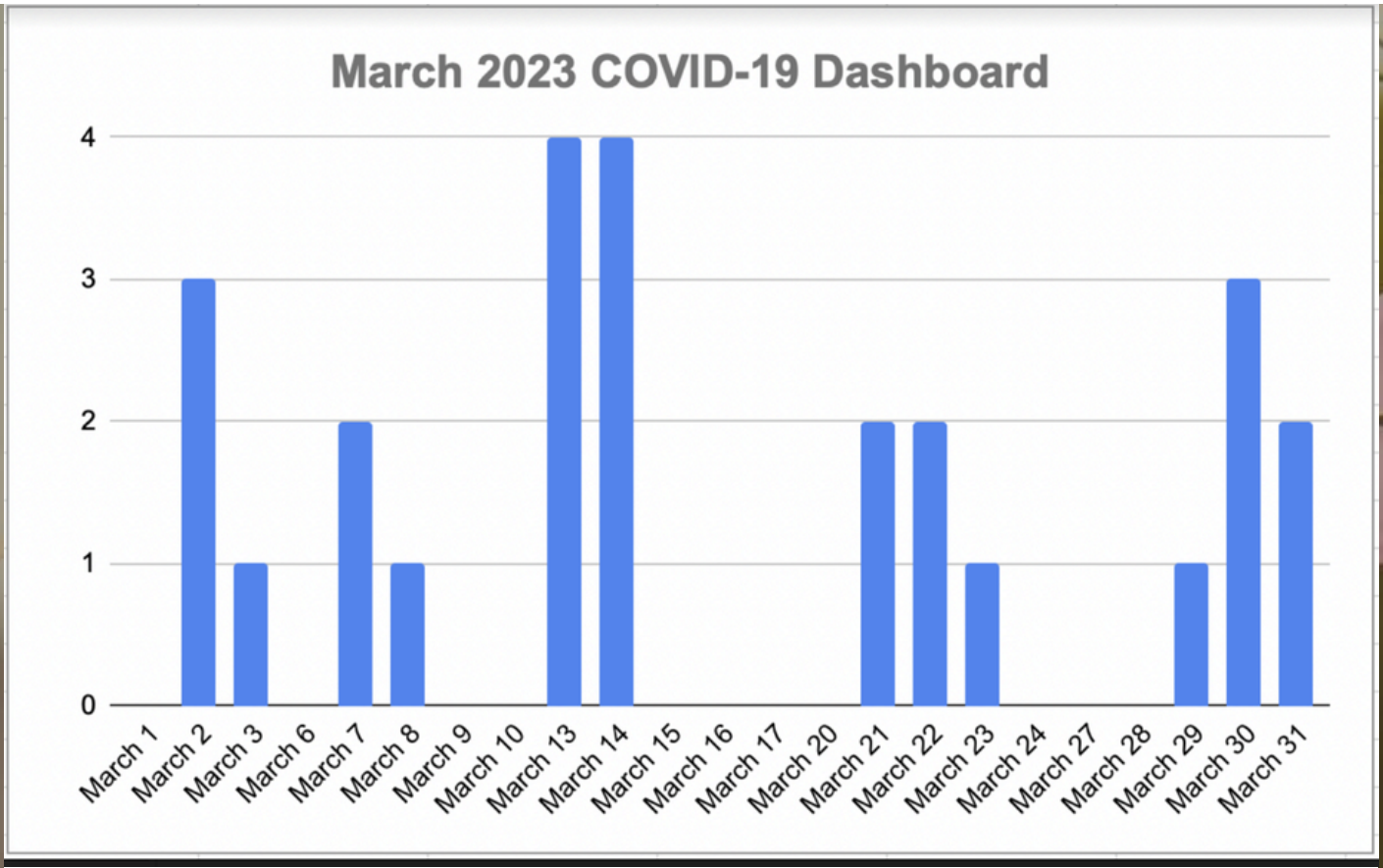
This is another strong finish for Vance County Schools, having earned 9 Blue Ribbon awards in 2020 and 10 Blue Ribbon awards in 2021.

NCSPRA is a statewide professional organization serving more than 175 members. Its mission is to build support for public education through well-planned and responsible public relations.

Superintendent's Report

COVID Dashboard: March 2023

Dr. Cindy Bennett, Superintendent, shared that the COVID-19 dashboard continues to be updated on the VCS website.



SPARK Lab Coming Soon!

Vance County Schools has partnered with the SparkNC initiative as a member of The Innovation Project (TIP) in 2023-2024. The SparkNC project will work with our district to develop a SparkNC lab on the Center for Innovation campus. Through the partnership, Vance County Schools will also have a SparkNC facilitator to support learning in the lab. A total of 18 districts are partnered with TIP and Vance County Schools is one of the first 5 to receive a SparkNC lab.

Board Business



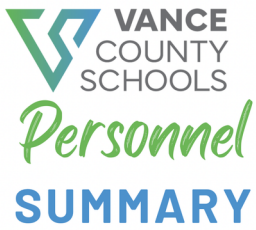
Action Items by the Board of Education

The Board of Education voted and approved the following:

- CFI Audio Lab completion
- Disability services contract
- Protective device cases approved
- Additional devices for replacement program
- Infrastructure upgrades for technology
- Interactive panels for outdoor learning environments
- RTI contract for VCMS continued
- Scholastic Education materials
- Vance County High School gymnasium bleachers replaced
- Sign on bonuses continuation (2023-2024)

- Retention and longevity bonus continuation (2023-2024)
- Referral bonus continuation (2023-2024)
- Audit contract renewal
- 2023-2024 calendars approved

2023-2024 Approved School Calendars



Personnel

The Board of Education approved 5 employment recommendations. We would like to formally welcome the following: Krystle Lindsey (Clarke), Angela Harris (Transportation), Charles Brame (EMR), Erica Delois Alston (Transportation) and Jeffrey Anstead (Transportation).

The Board accepted resignations for 4, retirement for 1, temporary/substitute employment for 6, 4 contracted services and transfer/promotions for 3, some of which includes Marylaura McKoon (Director of Student Behavior Health) and Cyrus Waters (Safety and Security Coordinator).



Student Transfer Requests

The Vance County Board of Education approved 7 requests to transfer into Vance County Schools.

Next BOE Meeting will be May 8, 2023 at 6pm.

View the April 3, 2023 Board of Education Meeting

All meetings take place at 6pm at VCS Administrative Services Center.

June 5, 2023
July 10, 2023
August 14, 2023
September 11, 2023
October 9, 2023
November 20, 2023
December 11, 2023
Adopted by the Board of Education on December 12, 2022.

About Us

Vance County Schools, located in Henderson, NC serves students Pre-K through 12th grade, as well as Early College 5th year students. There are 16 schools served in our district.

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