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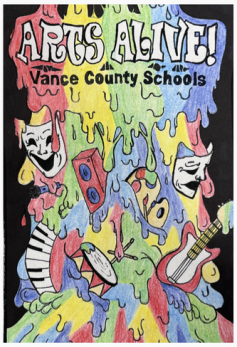
# Board Recognitions



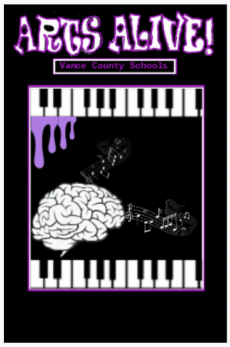

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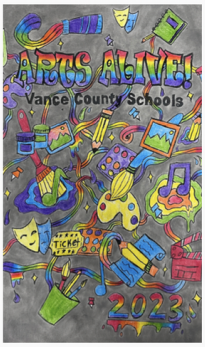
## ARTS ALIVE ARTIST RECOGNITIONS




**Elijah Cueva, 12th grade**
**Vance County High School**
**T-Shirt**




**Davinity Hargrove, 8th grade**
**Vance Virtual Village**
**Button**




**Makayla Ratliff, 10th grade**
**Vance County High School**
**Artist Badge**

### Board Recognizes Arts Alive Showcase Artists

The Board of Education recognized the showcase artists for Arts Alive 2024. Elijah Cueva, a senior at Vance County High School, will have his design showcased as the t-shirt. Davinity Hargrove, an 8th grader at Vance Virtual Village Academy, will have her artwork showcased on the button. Makayla Ratliff, a sophomore at Vance County High School, will have her artwork featured as the

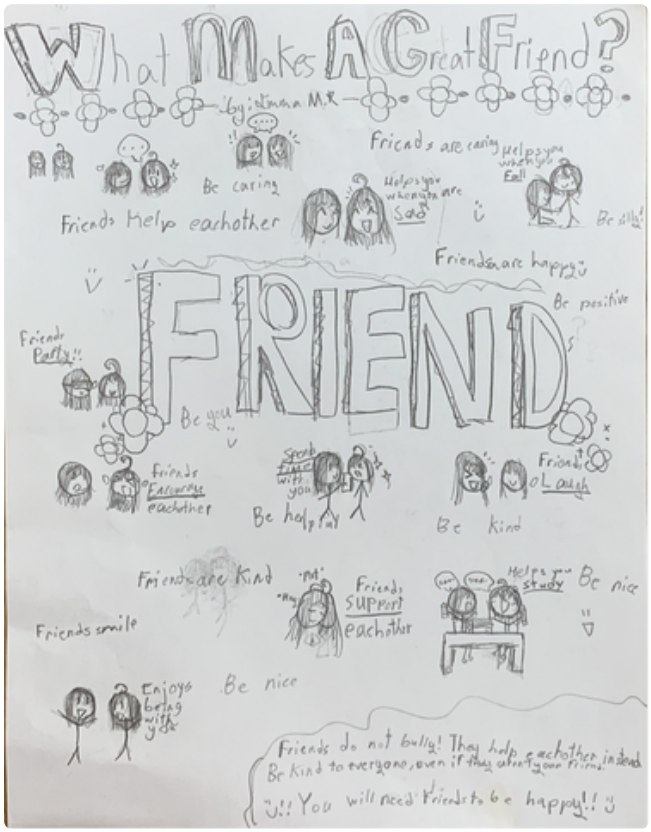
artist badge. Director of Fine Arts & Physical Education, Mr. Andrew Markoch, presented each artist with a framed copy of their winning design.




## North Carolina School Board Recognitions and Honors

The Board of Education recognized those honored at the North Carolina School Board Association conference, which took place in November in Greensboro. This year, the K-5 elementary art competition focused on the theme "What Makes a Good Friend?" Emma Roberson, a 5th grader at Zeb Vance Elementary School was recognized with Honorable Mention for her submission.

Additionally, board members who obtain specific hour requirements through the Academy of School Boardsmanship were recognized at the North Carolina School Board Association conference. The 30+ hour recognitions included a Certificate of Merit for Randy Oxendine, a Certificate of Achievement for Linda Cobb, a Diploma of Honor for Dorothy Gooche, and the Bronze Award for Gloria J. White. Dr. Omega Perry was recognized for completing training ranging between 12-29 hours.




**Emma Roberson, Zeb Vance 5th grader**

Emma's artwork was recognized as an Honorable Mention at the North Carolina School Board Association Conference.




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*HBCU Field Trip*

**Alfred Street Baptist Church's (ASBC) Historically Black College & Universities (HBCU) Festival**
**November 18, 2023 at**
**St. James Sports Complex in Springfield, Virginia**













## Board of Education recognizes particpants in HBCU Festival

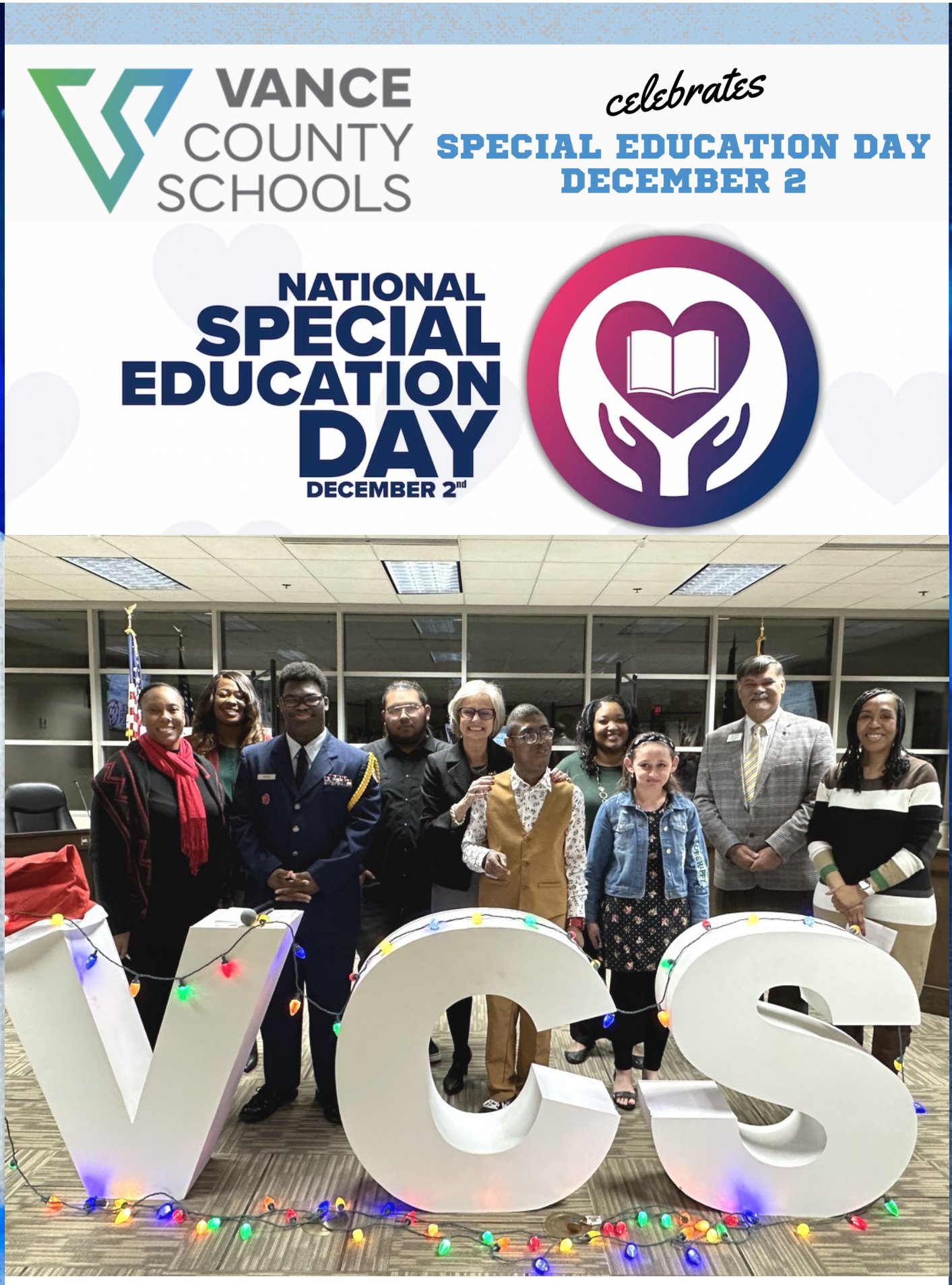
The Board of Education recognized participants, sponsors, and supporters of the recent trip to the Alfred Street Baptist Church's Historically Black College and Universities Festival. The event was sponsored by the alumni of Henderson Institute, who selected students to attend the event. Students from across the country attended the festival that showcased more than 80 colleges and

universities and provided on-site admissions, scholarship opportunities, as well as onsite workshops to support the attendees. Since 2003, this HBCU festival has connected over 60,000 students to college. We are grateful for our students to experience this event through the sponsorship provided by the Henderson Institute Alumni.




## National American Heritage Month

The Board of Education honored Native American Heritage Month. Dr. Tim Hall, secondary curriculum specialist, shared about the plethora of resources that teachers had access to, bringing awareness to Native American Heritage. Additionally, he shared that this year, 359 students from Vance County Schools participated in the National Museum of History virtual field trip that brought awareness and shared knowledge about this important month. We are grateful for the opportunities our students experience to grow and learn about a variety of cultures.




## Board of Education Recognizes Special Education Day

The Board of Education recognized Special Education Day, which was celebrated nationally on December 2, 2023. Chief Officer of Instruction & Innovation, Dr. Destiney Ross-Putney, shared how our district supports students through the Exceptional Children's Department. Executive EC

Director, Natashalyn Snipes, introduced students who each shared what being part of the EC department means to each of them.








## Superintendent's Report

### 2024 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Dr. Cindy Bennett proposed the 2024 Board of Education meeting schedule. It was voted on and approved.

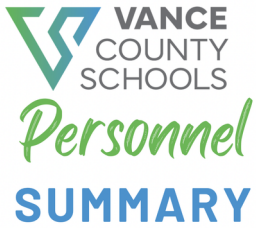
## Board Business




### Action Items by the Board of Education

The Board of Education voted and approved the following:

- Board member Randy Oxendine was elected as the new Board Chair
- Board member Dorothy Gooche was elected as the new Board Vice-Chair
- 2024 Board of Education meeting schedule
- Personnel summary and addendum
- Exceptional Children's transportation contract
- Self-contained curriculum content contract (Unique Learning Systems)
- Middle School math foundational skills for intervention contract (M&M Educational)
- Budget approval
- Fall updates for policy




### Personnel

The Board of Education approved 6 employment recommendations. We would like to formally welcome the following: Kristie Egerton (Dabney), Kimberly Fuller (EOY), Modjeska Thrower (New Hope), Christina Fulcher (EMR), Xandra Dongsao (EMR), Kawanda Smith (VCHS).

The Board accepted resignations for 3, retirements for 2, 5 outside contracted services, 1 VCS contracted services, 4 outside contracted services, additional assignment for 3, and transfer/promotions for 2.




### Student Transfer Requests

The Vance County Board of Education approved 8 requests to transfer into Vance County Schools and 1 request to transfer out, totaling 9 transfer requests.




### Overnight / Out of State Field Trip Approvals

None.

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# Next BOE Meeting will be January 8, 2024 at 6pm.

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

2024 Meeting Schedule
January 8, 2024
February 12, 2024
March 11, 2024
April 15, 2024
May 13, 2024
June 17, 2024
July 8, 2024
August 12, 2024
September 9, 2024
October 14, 2024
November 4, 2024
December 9, 2024

2024 Board Meeting Schedule was adopted by the Board of Education on December 11, 2023.

## 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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