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Highlights from the May 9 Meeting

Orange High School Teacher “Mr. Xavier” was named the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) 2021 Prudential NC Beginning Teacher of the Year in a special ceremony at the John W. Bardo Fine and Performing Arts Center on the campus of Western Carolina University on February 17, 2022. He was recognized again last night by Dr. Karen Sumner, Deputy Executive Director of the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching in Cullowhee, NC.



The Board received the following updates:

CTE Local Plan Presentation ([slides 15-38](#)) - CTE courses are open and available to each and every middle and high school student during the course registration period. The Board of Education received the CTE Local Application for review. [Click HERE to view the OCS Local CTE Plan.](#) CTE in OCS is dedicated to providing engaging opportunities for students... Opportunities in the classroom, in lab settings, through community service and Career Technical Student Organizations also known as CTSOs.

Middle Grades Math Sequence ([slides 39-47](#)) - C&I leaders, in conjunction with middle school teams, assessed the state of middle grades mathematics and its alignment to the new strategic plan. The major findings/results are intended to restructure the middle grades math pathways to increase opportunities for all students to access advanced level math courses in the middle grades and high school. [Click HERE to view the full Middle School Math Core Sequence Plan.](#)

STEM Offerings in OCS ([slides 48-58](#)) - Orange County Schools made a commitment back in 2014 to STEM implementation (a more integrated approach to instruction which focuses on the intersections of science, math, technology and engineering). Staff development and instruction have been devoted to topics such as Problem Based Learning, Children’s Engineering, Science and Engineering Practices and more.

Exceptional Children Report - Part I ([slides 59-73](#)) - The pandemic had a profound impact on each employee and each department in the district. The EC Department of OCS is no exception, as is such with all departments and school districts across the country. The Board received an update including EC data, staffing, and family involvement. Focus was also placed on the services *provided* to students and schools, as well as the services that are most *needed* for students and schools in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please Note: These are not the official minutes of the school board work session. The official minutes and all board policies are located [here](#).

Next School Board Meeting - May 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Location: The Whitted Building, 300 W. Tryon Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278