

# Timeline of Early College Research, Planning, and Discussions-Dare County Schools

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## 2015

### March 16 - April 23, 2015

- Superintendent Burgess and DCS Administrators
- Began researching the possibility of an early college in DCS

### April 1, 2015

- Submitted a Letter of Intent to open a CIHS in Dare County
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## 2018

### October 29, 2018

- Central Office Leadership Meeting Notes
- "New School Ideas"
  - "Working on research (over next 3+months) to support a concept development for the use of the Twiford Building as a 'new school' with an innovative instructional focus that supports district needs and provides a unique educational experience for our students. Considering an 'Early College' type model. Will need to launch a campaign for enlisting students interested in this type of program linked to Dual Enrollment."

### November 26, 2018

- Central Office Leadership Meeting Notes
- "Teacher Scholar Program"
  - "As we investigate uses of the Twiford Building as a possible Early College or other innovative School program, we may consider a pathway that would lead to teaching credentials. In another district, the Teacher Scholar program provided a pipeline for developing teachers, securing scholarships for those who participate, and an agreement to sponsor student teaching, etc. We will be looking at a variety of options for how we might use this building to spur innovative educational opportunities for our kids."

# 2019

## January 3, 2019

- Parent Advisory Meeting Notes
- “New Director- -J. Parker, Director of Innovation...One of the projects that Mrs. Parker will be researching in the very near future will be focus on innovative school design and/or program- -possible early college model, STEM/STEAM academy, or other specialty school that could include a “teacher preparation” program, to be housed in the Twiford Building being purchased and given to DCS. (The opening of this school is at least two years out.)”
- Parent Questions/Comments: “The career pathways described as part of the innovative high school design project sound wonderful. Is there a plan for helping students explore or dabble with a variety of career options before having to make a decision on preparation programs either in high school or in community college/university?”

## January 31- March 1, 2019

- Student Focus Group Questions (Grades 7, 8, 11, & 12)
  - First Flight High School (January 9 and February 28, 2019)
  - Cape Hatteras Secondary (January 29, 2019)
  - First Flight Middle Schools (January 31 and February 25, 2019)
  - Manteo Middle School (February 4, 2019)
  - Manteo High School February 4 and March 1. 2019)
  - Middle and High School Focus Group Questions
    - “Early College Model: What do you know about early college?
      - Is this a model you would be interested in? Why? Why not?”

## March 14, 2019

- Principals/Assistant Principals Meeting
- Gathering interest on potential Early College—very much in the idea/concept phase

## March & April 2019

- “Staff Interview Questions- FFES, KHES, and MES”
- “All Staff - 3. Early College: Initial thoughts on early college.”
  - “Early College: Describe your initial thoughts on the possibility of an early college in DCS.”

## **July 18, 2019**

- Leadership Retreat
- School Executive Evaluation
  - "I will share my systemic goals (Ex. Early College campaign) with all administrators for the 2019-2020 academic year after BOE approval for *alignment*(September BOE meeting)."

## **November 6, 2019**

- Principal Meeting Agenda
- "Early College"
  - "Process of looking at models across the state; 2 visited last week; CTE focus highlighted at Vernon Malone (middle college; pathways of CTE); more interested in a HS/Associates degree highlighted in Wilson; Will continue to explore/visit with BOE members and possibly others as we move forward. New COA campus groundbreaking soon, not sure if we have 2 or 3 years for planning. Some logistics still need to be worked through, DLA inclusion, etc."

# **2021**

## **October 21, 2021**

- Principal Meeting Agenda
- "Early College visits will be planned in near future - - ad hoc committees will be created;"

## **October 22, 2021**

- Assistant Principal PLC Agenda
- "Early College visits will be planned in near future - - ad hoc committees will be created;"

# **2022**

## **January 5, 2022**

- Superintendent Farrelly" Topics we discussed were some new board committees that have been formed."
  - "New Committees are...Early College"

- “Sandy and I met with the new chair and vice chairman this morning. One of the

### **January 5, 2022**

- Board Committees for School Year 2021-2022 (Revised 1/5/22)
- “Ad Hoc Committee for Early College”
  - “Joe Tauber-Chair, David Twiddy, Carl Woody, Staff: Farrelly, Kinzel, K. Parker, J. Parker, Castillo, King”

### **February 2022**

- Dare County Schools Maintenance Staff meet with Woolpert Architects to develop plans for the Twiford Building to be used as an early college

### **Summer 2022**

- Turnover of majority of Dare County Schools District Leadership positions
  - Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents(2), Director of Secondary Instruction, Director of Innovation, Director of Human Resources, Finance Director, Interim Superintendents(2)

### **June 3, 2022**

- Kinzel email to Dean Sweeney and K. Burris
- “We plan to submit the letter of intent and use the next several months to not only establish a focus of the school, but also to develop the scope and sequence, hold informational sessions with parents and students, and work toward enrollment and opening for the 2023-2024 school year.”

### **June 3, 2022**

- J. Parker email to I. Lake(NCDPI)
- “We will be submitting by the 6/15 deadline.”

### **June 6, 2022**

- J. Parker email to Kinzel
- “...I’ve submitted it from our side as well.”

### **DCS CIHS Timeline for 2022-2023**

- Letter of Intent Due June 15, 2022
- Application Due October 3, 2022
- Planned CHIS Opening Fall 2023 or Fall 2024

### **June 16, 2022**

- C. Brown(NCDPI) email to J. Parker and K. Burris(COA)
- “Thank you for submitting your Letter of Intent to apply to open a new CIHS.”

### **June 23, 2022**

- I. Lake(NCDPI) email to J. Parker, K. Burris(COA), L. Meads(COA)
- “Thank you for submitting a Letter of Intent to apply to open a new Cooperative Innovative High School! We look forward to supporting you through the application process.”

### **June 30, 2022**

- Staff participated in CIHS Webinar (notes)
  - “Dare and Wayne County are only 2 in this cycle”
  - “Next Steps: Form committee for CHIS...focus and the why! Do we apply this year or wait a year? Need to tell NCDP that.”
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### **July 1, 2022**

- I. Lake (NCDPI) email to CIHS Attendees from Dare and Wilson County Teams
- “Many thanks to Drs....Mead, and Parker for joining us yesterday for the CIHS Applicants Orientation.”

### **July 25, 2022**

- S. Blackstock email to J. Parker
- “Can we add an agenda item for secondary breakout on Aug. 9 to discuss CIHS.”
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### **July 27, 2022**

- 5-on-5 Committee with Dare County Commissioners
  - Chairman Woodard stated, the Twiford property was discussed, as it had been set aside for early college; however, the numbers for those students interested in early college was currently unknown.
  - Chairman Twiddy commented the application process for early college had an October deadline and he would have to report back afterward as to the numbers of students interested.
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### **August 9, 2022**

- Opening Meeting Agenda
- Agenda from J. Parker to S. Blackstock

- “CIHS Application - Deadline October 3rd (CTE Career Center? Wait for new Superintendent)”
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### **August 19, 2022**

- Board of Education Superintendent Search “Thoughts on Interview Questions”
- ME Ballance email to Castillo
- “Experience with programs Dare does not have but may be looking to develop (e.g., JROTC, early college, CTE/vocational programs)”

### **September 2022**

- Interim Superintendent Blackstock recommends it is not his role to submit early college application in an interim position
- Decides to wait until new Superintendent is hired

### **October 10, 2022**

- Interim Superintendent S. Blackstock and Director of Maintenance I. Adams meet at the Twiford site with Architectural firm Woolpert to review site plan development work
  - Discussed in that meeting that there had been prior meetings with Dare County Schools and were informed of the need for a cafeteria on Twiford site.
  - M. McElfresh (Woolpert) presented site plan drawings, square footage analysis, and PowerPoint to upgrade Twiford buildings to meet Early College needs dated September 29, 2022
  - Blackstock explained Dare would wait until a new superintendent was hired to move forward with site plan decisions
  - Woolpert states their current contract with Dare County Schools would remain open and would wait to hear from Dare County Schools in January 2023

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### **December 1, 2022**

- Basnight hired as Dare County Schools Superintendent
- Told by the Board, “We want JROTC and an Early College”

# 2023

## February 22, 2023

- Denise Fallon emails I. Lake NCDPI about Dare County Schools potential interest in establishing an early college in Dare
  - I. Lake responds with the possible timeline for the 2023-2023 cycle

## March 27, 2023

- Dare County Board of Education Retreat Agenda
  - Superintendent Basnight gives update on Homeschool Athletic Data, Strategic Plan, Goals, Vision, Mission Statement, Budget, Capital Improvement Plan, Early College, Security

## April 5, 2023

- Meeting with High School Principals to discuss an Early College in Dare County

## April 17, 2023

- Early College Proposal Presentation at the Dare County Board of Education Meeting
  - Including Timeline

## May 5, 2023

- Board Members visit Rocky Mount Early College

## May 9, 2023

- Superintendent's Certified Employee Advisory Meeting Agenda
- "Researching Early College: What is an Early College?"

## May 10, 2023

- Board Members visit J. P. Knapp Early College

## May 14, 2023

- The Coastland Times story
- *"Dare school board approves budget, adopts policy changes"*
- "The board is investigating establishing an early college for Dare County Schools. Three board members with the system's Director of Secondary Education Denise Fallon visited Rocky Mount's early college and visited with ninth graders and seniors. Bothwell reported meeting exuberant students. 'I think it is a great thing.' Board member David Twiddy said about early college, 'it's

about creating more opportunities. It was a really cool thing.' Three board members will visit the J. P. Knapp Early College in Currituck."

### **May 16, 2023**

- Superintendent's Classified Employee Advisory Meeting Agenda
- "Researching Early College: What is an Early College?"

### **May 17, 2023**

- Superintendent's Parent Advisory Meeting Agenda
- "Researching Early College: What is an Early College?"

### **June 8, 2023**

- Twiford Building Early College inspection of building
- Bobby Outten, Ian Adams, Dare County Maintenance personnel

### **June 12, 2023**

- Dare County Board of Education Meeting
  - Board approval to provide notice of intent to NCDPI of Dare County Schools desire to open an early college in Dare

### **June 29, 2023**

- Dare County Schools application team representatives attend Cooperative Innovative High School Applicants Orientation meeting

### **August 8, 2024**

- Director Fallon emails Early College Application Team Members to set up meetings
  - DCS Interim Finance Director Santora, K. Burris(COA), College Liaison J. Hunting(DCS/COA), D. Wallin(FFHS CDC), Dean Sweeney(COA), L. Meads(COA), B. Wickre(DCS BoE), B. Cole(COA)
  - Proposed Meeting Dates

### **August 14, 2023**

- Dare County Board of Education Regular Meeting
  - Director Fallon gave update on the timeline and the school districts application to NCDPI to open an Early College in Dare County

### **August 15, 2024**

- Fallon/Basnigh meet with I. Lake(NCDPI) to discuss draft application ideas



### **August 17, 2024**

- Application Team meets
  - Review application process and general data collected, rough draft
  - Delegate tasks for additional needed information
  - Set Break out meetings as needed

### **September 7, 2023**

- Island Free Press from Outer Banks Voice story
- *"We're looking at expanding opportunities for students"*
  - Article about Dare County Schools plans to submit an application for an early college

### **September 7, 2023**

- Early College Application Team meeting
  - Review added items to draft
  - Discuss revisions

### **September 14, 2024**

- Sent Draft Application to I. Lake(NCDPI) for feedback

### **September 18, 2023**

- Dare County Board of Education Regular Meeting
  - Director Fallon gave an update on the application process and noted a draft Application had been submitted to NCDPI and we were awaiting their feedback to revise a final application
  - She requested that the Board hold a Special Meeting on September 28, 2023 to approve the final application before it is submitted
  - The Board voted to hold a Special Meeting on September 28, 2023 at 2:00 pm

### **September 27, 2023**

- Early College Application Team meeting
  - Final Application Review and Discussion

### **September 28, 2023**

- Special Meeting of the Dare County Board of Education at Administrative Offices
  - Director Fallon presented the final version of the early college application for approval

### **October 4, 2023**

- Early College Application submitted to NCDPI

### **October 11, 2023**

- The Coastland Times story
- *“Plans for Dare County Early College are moving forward”*

### **October 16, 2023**

- Superintendent's Parent Advisory Meeting Agenda
  - Early College Application Update from Director Fallon
  - Early College Calendar

### **October 19, 2023**

- Superintendent's Assistant Principals' Advisory Meeting Agenda
  - Early College Application Update from Director Fallon
  - Early College Calendar

### **October 20, 2023**

- Superintendent's Student Advisory Meeting Agenda
  - Early College Application Update from Director Fallon
  - Early College Calendar

## **2024**

### **January 12, 2024**

- The Coastland Times story
- *“Dare commissioners hear about anticipated costs for early college”*

### **January 16, 2024**

- WTKR-TV Channel 3 video story of joint meeting with Dare County Commissioners' CIP Committee and architects
- *“Dare County Schools' early college proposal moves forward”*

### **January 18, 2024**

- Dare County Schools website link to WTKR-TV story
- *“Early College Proposal Gains Traction”*

### **February 5, 2024**

- Presentation to Dare County Commissioners
  - Dare County Schools Early College

**February 23, 2024**

- Superintendent's Student Advisory Meeting
  - Basnight gives update on Early College

**January 23, 2024**

- The Coastland Times story
- *"Plan for Dare Early College at COA site advances"*

**January 25, 2024**

- The Coastland Times story
- *"New facility recommended for Dare early college program"*

**February 26, 2024**

- Superintendent's Parent Advisory Meeting Agenda
  - Basnight gives update on Early College

**February 4, 2024**

- Island Free Press from Sam Walker OBX News.com story
- *"Dare Commissioners to hear update on early college site at Monday meeting"*

**February 5, 2024**

- Outer Banks Voice story
- *"Dare County early college moves closer to reality after commissioners' approval"*

**April 10, 2024**

- Dare County Capital Improvements Planning Committee meets with COA officials, Town of Manteo officials, and Dare County School officials
  - Consider the design and campus placement for the early college

**April 12, 2024**

- Superintendent's Student Advisory Meeting Agenda
- "Early College Update" cleared approvals and in the General Assembly

**April 15, 2024**

- The Coastland Times story
- *"Early college planning underway"*

**April 16, 2024**

- Dare County Capital Improvements Planning Committee holds second meeting with COA officials, Town of Manteo officials, and Dare County School officials
  - Consider the design and campus placement for the early college

**April 18, 2024**

- The Virginian Pilot story
- *“Dare County moves forward with plans for early college high school”*

**April 25, 2024**

- Early College Informational Presentation
  - Manteo High School Faculty Meeting (3:30)

**April 26, 2024**

- Island Free Press from Outer Banks Voice story
- *“Series of informational meeting scheduled for Dare County Schools’ Early College Program”*

**April 29, 2024**

- Early College Informational Presentation
  - Manteo Middle School Faculty Meeting (3:30)

**April 30, 2024**

- Early College Informational Presentation
  - Manteo Middle School Community Meeting (6:00)

**May 1, 2024**

- Early College Informational Presentation
  - First Flight High School Faculty Meeting (3:30)

**May 2, 2024**

- Early College Informational Presentation
  - First Flight High School Community Meeting (6:00)

**May 7, 2024**

- Dare County Commissioners Meeting Agenda
  - Early College Prep Design Contract

**May 7, 2024**

- The Coastland Times story

- *“Basnight offers information on early college, school budget”*

### **May 7, 2024**

- Early College Informational Presentation
  - Manteo High School Community Meeting (6:00)

### **May 9, 2024**

- Early College Informational Presentation
  - First Flight Middle School Community Meeting (6:00)

### **May 13, 2024**

- Outer Banks Voice
- *“The ABC’s of Dare Early College” story*

### **May 15, 2024**

- 5-on-5 Dare County Commissioners/Dare County Board of Education
  - CIP/Early College Funding

### **May 20, 2024**

- Early College Informational Presentation
  - Cape Hatteras Secondary School Staff (3:30)
  - Cape Hatteras Community Meeting (6:00)

### **May 23, 2024**

- Early College Informational Presentation
  - First Flight Middle School Faculty Meeting (3:30)

### **June 3, 2024**

- Dare County Board of Commissioners Meeting
  - Superintendent Basnight and Chairman Twiddy addressed questions from Dare County Commissioners
    - Superintendent Basnight read “Dare County Schools Early College Research & Planning Timeline”
    - Commission Chairman Woodard asks Chairman Twiddy if the Board of Education would consider holding a Town Hall meeting to attempt to again get information out about the Early College

### **June 5, 2024**

- Dare County Board of Education Special Called Meeting
  - Superintendent Basnight presented “Dare County Schools Early College Research & Planning Timeline” to the Board of Education

**June 10, 2024**

- Dare County Board of Education Regularly Scheduled Meeting
  - Superintendent Basnight, Agenda Item, “Review of Early College Development Timeline”

**July 10, 2024**

- Dare County Board of Education Special Called Town Hall Meeting in collaboration with the Dare County Board of Commissioners
  - First Flight High School Auditorium
    - 60+ attendees