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HCS Empowerment Zone Connects With Families Through Community Service

HALIFAX, NC - Halifax County Schools is strengthening its connection with families one community partnership at a time. Supporting students means building connections that extend beyond the classroom and into the communities the district serves.

That commitment was on display as staff from the Halifax County Schools Empowerment Zone volunteered during Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church's Back-to-School Family Fun Day. Empowerment Zone staff spent the day serving students, families and community members by preparing a community cookout.

"Our commitment to our students doesn't stop when the school bell rings," said Sharon Arrington, Halifax County Schools Empowerment Zone Alternative Learning Program Coordinator/Administrator. "We believe in meeting our families where they are. Building authentic relationships outside of school is an important part of supporting our students and helping them succeed."

The event also highlighted how Halifax County Schools is creating opportunities for students to take learning beyond the classroom. The Empowerment Zone's student-created EZ Eats Food Truck participated in the celebration, offering jellies, jams and pickles students produced through Project-Based Learning activities.

The partnership with Wayman AME Church is part of the Empowerment Zone's continued effort to strengthen the network of support surrounding students. The church, led by the Rev. Veronica Murphy, has adopted the Empowerment Zone for the 2026–27 school year and has already begun providing support to the program.

"Halifax County Schools is more than the buildings where teaching and learning take place. We are part of this community," said Superintendent Dr. Eric Cunningham. "Our responsibility is to educate our students, but it is also to build relationships with the families and communities we serve. When our community comes together around our children, we strengthen the foundation they need to grow, achieve and succeed."