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Halifax County Schools Advances Districtwide STEM Planning Through Strategic Learning

HALIFAX, NC - Halifax County Schools is taking the next step in expanding STEM opportunities for students by developing a districtwide plan designed to strengthen science, technology, engineering and mathematics learning from the early grades through graduation.

As part of this work, a team of Halifax County Schools staff recently traveled to the Lenoir Community College Aviation Center for Excellence in Kinston, North Carolina, to participate in a Strategic Planning Initiative focused on the development of the district's STEM plan.

The visit provided district leaders with an opportunity to engage in strategic conversations around what high-quality STEM education can look like across Halifax County Schools and how the district can create greater alignment among classroom instruction, hands-on learning, career exploration and future workforce opportunities.

Rather than approaching STEM as a collection of individual programs or activities, Halifax County Schools is working toward a comprehensive framework that connects opportunities across grade levels and schools.

"This work is about being intentional about what we want STEM education to look like for every student in Halifax County Schools," said Superintendent Dr. Eric Cunningham. "We already have strong STEM learning taking place throughout our district. Now, we have an opportunity to bring those experiences together under a shared vision, build upon what is working and create even more opportunities for our students to explore, innovate and prepare for their futures."

During the Strategic Planning Initiative, the HCS team examined priorities for STEM education, discussed opportunities for greater collaboration and considered how the district can establish a sustainable approach that supports students and educators across all schools.

Through this work, Halifax County Schools remains committed to charting a new course for student success and ensuring students have access to innovative learning experiences that prepare them for college, careers and the rapidly changing world around them.