

**Gaston County Schools
Board of Education
Monday, September 20, 2021
Meeting 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, September 20, 2021 in the Board Room, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC. Additionally, the meeting was live on Spectrum Cable Channel 21 and the Gaston County Board of Education YouTube page. Those Board Members in attendance were: Chairman Jeff K. Ramsey, Vice Chairman Dot Cherry, Kevin Collier, Justin Davis, Steve Hall, Lee Dedmon, Dot Guthrie, Robbie Lovelace and Brent Moore.

Additional attendees include: Superintendent Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker, Attorney Sonya McGraw, Associate Superintendents Melissa Balknight and Gary Hoskins, Chief Communications Officer Todd Hagans, Administrative Assistant Andrea Stephens and Board Clerk Dana Luoto.

Chairman Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation

Superintendent Booker led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Booker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Adoption - Action

The Board considered Agenda Adoption – Action

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Steve Hall motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

Good News – Information

Superintendent Booker congratulated two high school seniors who have been chosen as semifinalists in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship Program. Gwen Campau of Stuart W. Cramer High School and Travis Rainwater of Highland School of Technology are among 16,000 students who were named National Merit semifinalists. Next spring, the National Merit program will award 7,600 scholarships valued at more than \$30 million to students across the country.

Superintendent Booker congratulated five high schools that are being honored by North Carolina High School Athletic Association for being ejection-free and displaying outstanding sportsmanship for an entire sports season without having a student or coach ejected from a game. Our winners for the 2020-2021 sports season are: Bessemer City High School, East Gaston High School, Forestview High School, Highland School of Technology and South Point High School.

Superintendent Booker congratulated three recent graduates of Cherryville High School – Public Service Academy. Jessica Johansen, Trae Costner and Ashlyn Beattie graduated from Cherryville in May and quickly began jobs as emergency medical technicians with Gaston Emergency Medical Services. The three students completed the EMT course of study, which is part of the Public Service Academy at Cherryville High School.

Superintendent Booker congratulated the 14 teachers who were chosen for the Superintendent's Leadership Academy. We are partnering with Gardner-Webb University to develop a cohort of teachers from Gaston County Schools who have demonstrated promise in the education field and expressed an interest in furthering their career as a school administrator. Together as a group, the teachers will complete the coursework over a 20-month period for a master's degree in school administration.

Public Expression – Information

Chairman Ramsey entertained the motion to extend the time period of public expression, for tonight's meeting, from 30 minutes to 60 minutes.

Motion

The Motion was made by Mrs. Robbie Lovelace; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry that the Board

Extend the time of public expression from 30 minutes to 60 minutes for tonight's meeting

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (9-0)

Crystal Bowe
225 Cramerton Mills Parkway
Cramerton, NC 28032
RE: Masking in schools

Shawna Czerwinsky
109 James Drive
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Remove Mask Mandate

Aaron Jordan
441 Neal Road
Bessemer City, NC 28016
RE: Mask Policy

Monica Powell-Cupid
3515 Canyon Live Oak Court
Gastonia, NC 28056
RE: Masking in schools

Although Ms. Powell-Cupid completed the Request to Speak Form, she did not appear at the meeting.

Rebecca LaClaire
6478 Kemp Street
Charlotte, NC 28213
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Although Ms. LaClaire completed the Request to Speak Form, she did not appear at the meeting.

Hayley Brezeale
417 Bushmill Drive
Rock Hill, SC 29730
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Ava Clarkson
114 Leeper Avenue
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Jasmine Clarkson
114 Leeper Avenue
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Dana Frady
1227 Perfection Avenue
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Ryan Simms
105 N. Woodcliff Lane
Mt. Holly, NC 28120
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Lena Ware
2161 Southridge Drive
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Retire the Red Raider Mascot

Lisa Rebaglia
9414 Maltese Drive
Gastonia, NC 28056
RE: Mask Mandate

Lori Peabody
2406 Emily Drive
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Mask Mandate

Kelli Solly
120 Watson Street
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Extend Mask Mandate

Amanda Memrick
104 Timber Ridge Road
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Extend Mask Mandate

Betsy Dellinger
300 Carolina Drive
Cherryville, NC 28021
RE: Contact Tracing

Karen Turner
158 Davis Road
Bessemer City, NC 28016
RE: Extend Mask Mandate

Lucas Buchanan
3424 Windstone Lane
Gastonia, NC 28056
RE: Mask Mandate vs. Optional

Amanda Placie-West
Gastonia, NC
RE: Mask Mandate

Dr. Andrew Herman
1000 Blythe Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28203
RE: Mask Mandate

Rick Gass
124 Briarwood Lane
Mt. Holly, NC 28120

Katie McCurry
168 Morgans Branch Road
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Mask Mandate

Chase Fuller
732 Climbing Rose Court
Gastonia, NC 28056
RE: Extend Mask Mandate
The time limit of one hour for public expression was reached.

Approval/Correction of Minutes

The Board considered Approval/Correction of Minutes – Action

Motion to adopt minutes of August 16, 2021 as presented was made by Mr. Brent Moore; seconded by Mrs. Dot Guthrie; motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

COVID-19 Update – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Superintendent Booker who took this opportunity to report that the first official month of school has been completed. Students and teachers are on task, engaged in activities and teaching and learning is taking place. It has been a long year and half for all of us, but our people are showing up. They are going above expectations to mitigate the effects of COVID-19. They are putting in a hard day's work each and every day, and they are pressing on despite the obstacles they face. Superintendent Booker thanked employees for giving us a solid month of school, and let employees know how much their efforts are appreciated. In recognition of this effort, Superintendent Booker made a recommendation to the Board that Friday, October 8 and Wednesday, November 24, which are both currently Optional Teacher Workdays, be modify and become remote work days. We would designate those two dates for our employees to work from home and be available to school officials by phone if needed.

Superintendent Booker introduced Mr. Steve Eaton, Public Health Director Gaston County Department of Health & Human Services. Mr. Eaton presented a PowerPoint on COVID-19 Update.

Action on Whether to Maintain or Amend the Board's Current Face Covering Policy as Required by S.L. 2021-130 – Action

Motion

The Motion was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mrs. Dot Guthrie that the Board
Approve that masks will be required for everyone entering all buildings and including buses. Masks will be optional on athletic fields and outside areas.

Discussion occurred.

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried. (6-3)
(Mr. Justin Davis, Mr. Steve Hall and Mr. Brent Moore opposed)

(View PowerPoint)

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Report – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mrs. Robbie Lovelace of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee who provided a summary of topics considered and discussed at the most recent meeting.

(View report)

Motion

The Motion was made by Mrs. Robbie Lovelace; seconded by Mr. Steve Hall that the Board
Designate Friday, October 8 and Wednesday, November 24, 2021 as remote workdays for all Gaston County Schools employees.

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (9-0)

Operations Committee Report – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Ms. Dot Cherry of the Operations Committee who provided a summary of topics considered and discussed at the most recent meeting.

(View report)

Gaston County Schools Testing Center – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mrs. Jill Payne who presented a PowerPoint on Gaston County Schools Testing Center.

Discussion occurred.

(View PowerPoint)

Budget Update 2021-2022 – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Gary Hoskins who gave a budget update for 2021-2022. FY 2020-2021 ended on June 30, 2021, without the approval of a comprehensive State budget for the new fiscal year. As a result, the State is using recurring funding from the 2018-2019 State budget along with a series of “mini” budgets that were passed as funding for the year. The absence of a State budget for 2021-2022 will continue to provide financial uncertainty for our District and the State. The General Assembly is currently working through various committees to develop a comprehensive State budget for 2021-2022.

Local Assessment Schedule 2021-2022 – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mrs. Rebekka Powers and Mr. Michael Foust. Mr. Foust presented information on the local assessment calendar.

(View Assessment Calendar)

NC Accountability Model Results – Information

Chairman Ramsey recognized Mrs. Rebekka Powers who presented a PowerPoint on NC Accountability Model Preliminary Results.

(View PowerPoint)

Consent Agenda – Action

The Board considered the Consent Agenda:

- A. Recommended Personnel
- B. Budget Amendments & Budget Transfers
- C. Construction/Repair Change Orders
- D. Resolution to Declare Old Belmont Middle School Surplus
- E. Contracts
 - Purchase Student Chromebooks
 - Purchase Teacher Chromebooks
 - Purchase of Heavy Duty Commercial Dehumidifiers
 - DRIVE Education System
 - Nurses Contract — Addendum

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Mr. Brent Moore; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Booker recognized "the ladies in red" — Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Mrs. Lillian Williams and others who were in attendance at tonight's meeting and thanked them for their support of education.

Superintendent Booker thanked our school administrators for their attention to safety and security throughout the year and our school resource officers and law enforcement partners for their attention and commitment to school safety in Gaston County. Last week we had messages and information circulating on social media that was unfounded. We all know that spreading rumors on social media disrupts the school environment and takes the focus away from the classroom, academics and teaching and learning. It is important to reiterate that we take social media messages seriously and we make sure they are investigated. We want to assure our Board and our parents as well that we take school safety seriously; we will let you know when there is a serious issue; and we will continue to do all that we can to provide a safe school environment for our students and employees.

Superintendent Booker reminded Board Members that the North Carolina School Boards Association will hold its annual conference (in person) on November 11-13 in Greensboro. Please notify Mrs. Luoto if you are interested in attending.

Superintendent Booker announced that Tuesday, September 28 is the ribbon cutting and open house celebration for the new Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences. The event is at 2:00 p.m. outside of the Comer Engineering Technologies building on the Gaston College campus in Dallas.

Superintendent Booker reminded parents the fall semester virtual Parent-Teacher Conference Day is Thursday, October 7. Parents should contact their child's school to schedule a conference. Friday, October 8 will be a remote workday which means no school for students.

Superintendent Booker reported there was not a need for Closed Session.

Chairman Ramsey wished Mr. Lee Dedmon a "Happy Birthday."

Closed Session

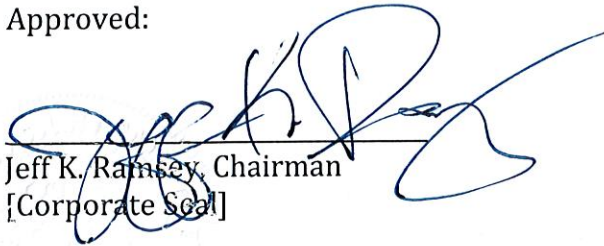
Closed Session was not needed.

Adjournment

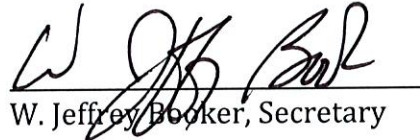
All business having been conducted, Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Justin Davis motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Approved:



Jeff K. Ramsey, Chairman
[Corporate Seal]



W. Jeffrey Booker, Secretary

Date Approved: 10/18/21

GASTON COUNTY COVID-19 DATA & TRENDS

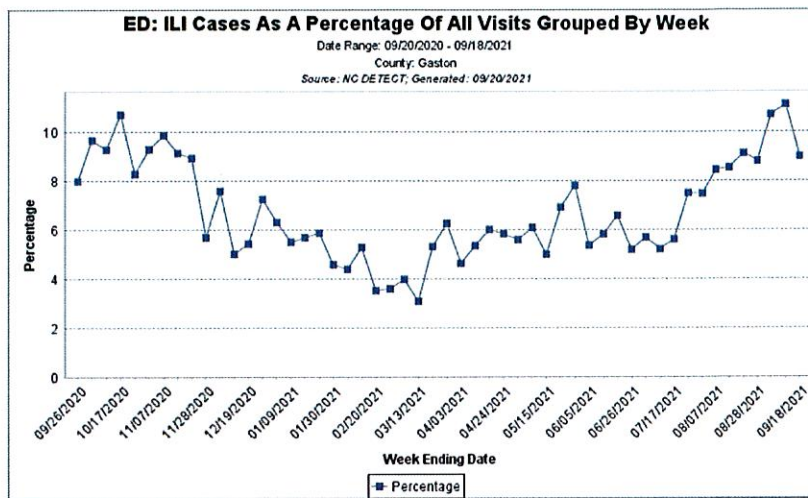
GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021



SUMMARY OF KEY METRICS

Goal	Note	9/13/21	9/20/21
○ Decline or steady sustained level of influenza like illnesses	<i>This indicator is obtained from NC DETECT, and increased in the most recent week.</i>	✗	—
○ Downward trajectory or sustained leveling of COVID-like Syndromic cases over 14 days	<i>The indicator for this measure is the percentage of ED visits resulting in a COVID-19 test This has continued to remain high.</i>	✗	✗
○ Downward trajectory or sustained leveling of cases over 14 days	<i>The number of cases has remained level in the most recent week.</i>	✗	—
○ Downward trajectory of positive tests as a percentage of total tests over 14 days	<i>Gaston County Percent of Positive cases has a slight decrease in the most recent week.</i>	✗	—
○ Downward trajectory of hospitalizations over 14 days	<i>Hospitalization levels had a slight decrease in the most recent week.</i>	✗	—
<div> ✓ Goal Achieved — Trending Towards Goal ✗ Trending Away from Goal </div>			

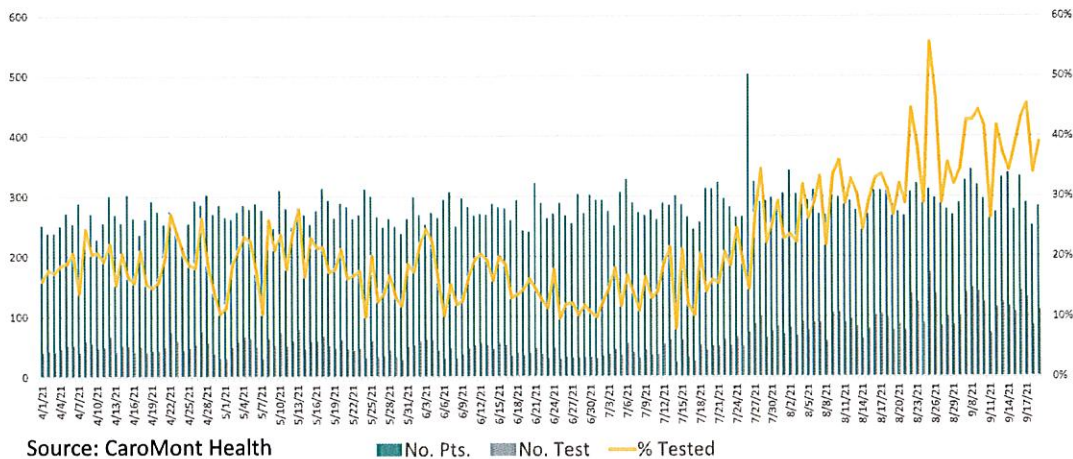
PERCENTAGE OF ED VISITS WITH ILI



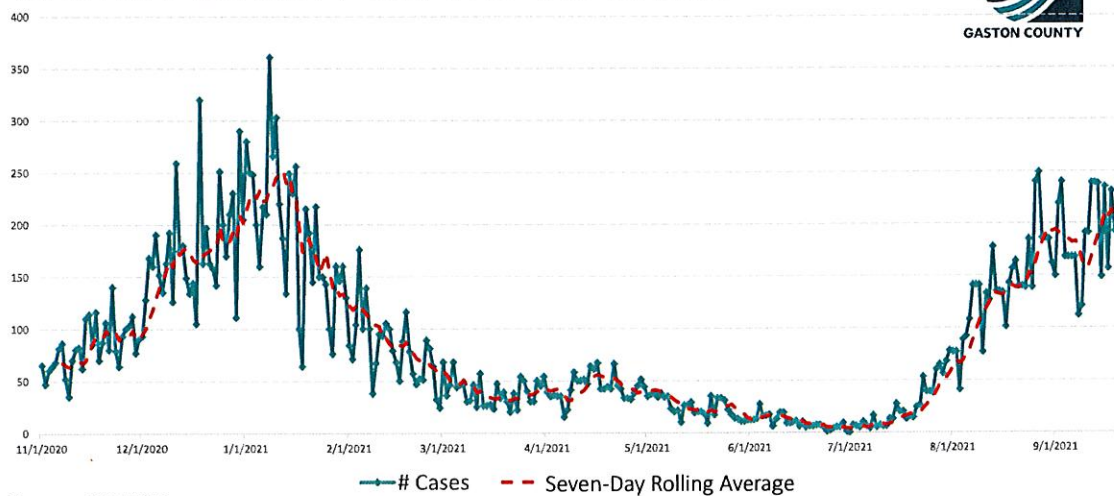
Source: NC DETECT, ILI Syndrome Line List, Week ending 9/18/21



COVID-19 TESTING IN THE ED

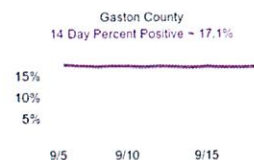
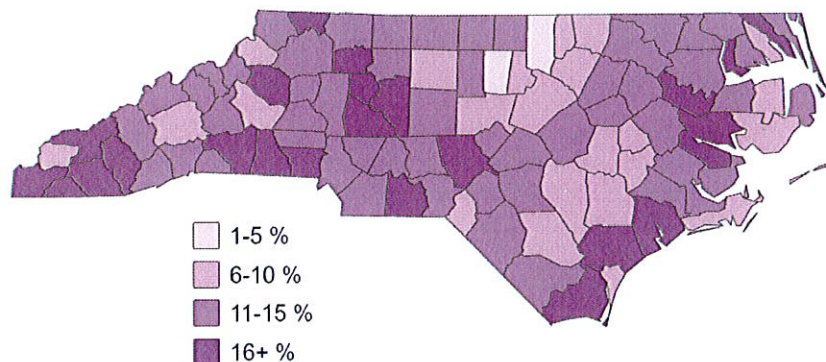


GASTON COUNTY COVID-19 CASES



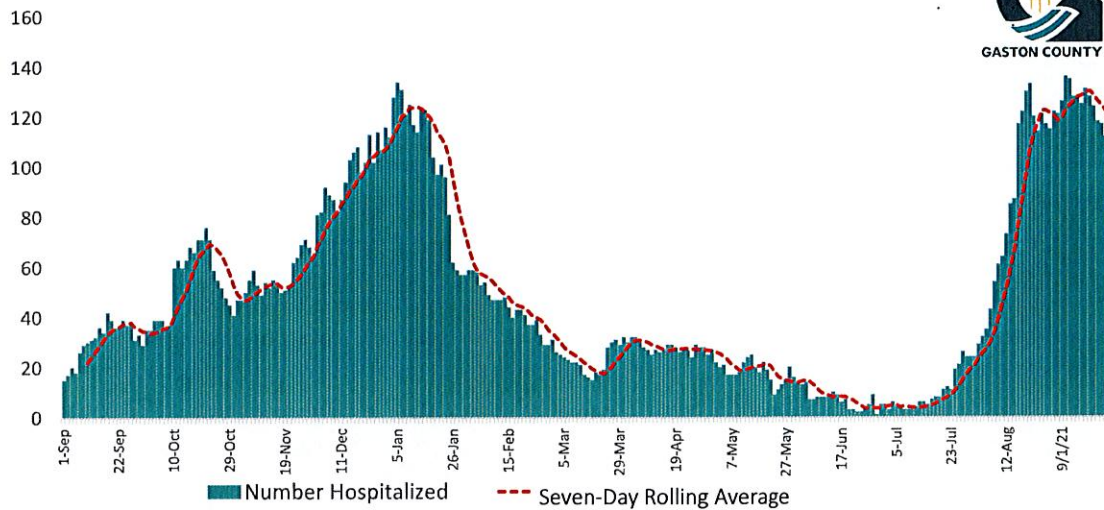
Source: NC EDSS

PERCENT OF POSITIVE TESTS



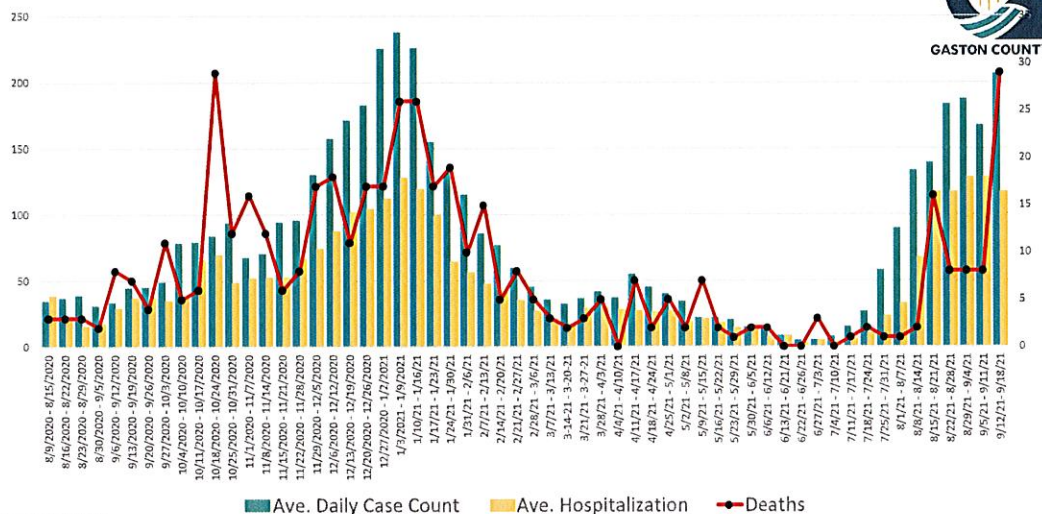
Source: NC DHHS, Updated 9/20/21

GASTON COUNTY COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS



Source: Gaston County DHHS

CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS

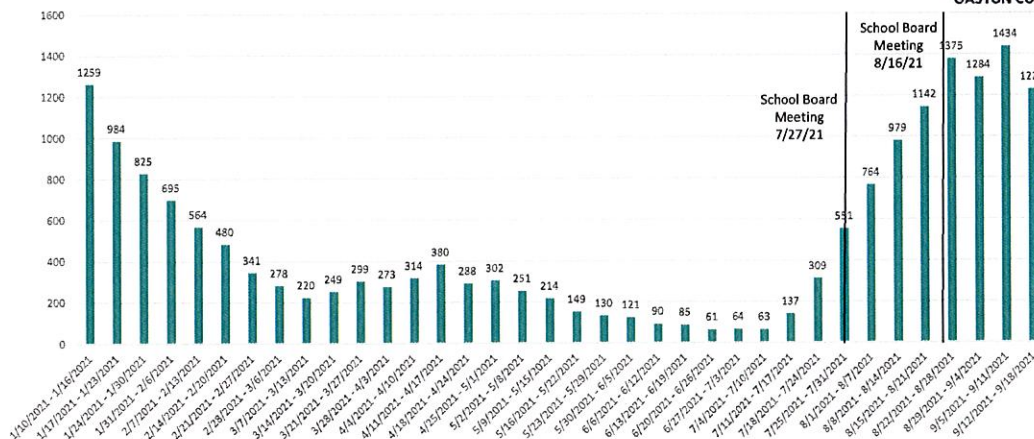


Source: NC EDSS

COVID-19 GASTON COUNTY SCHOOL CASES AND CONTACTS

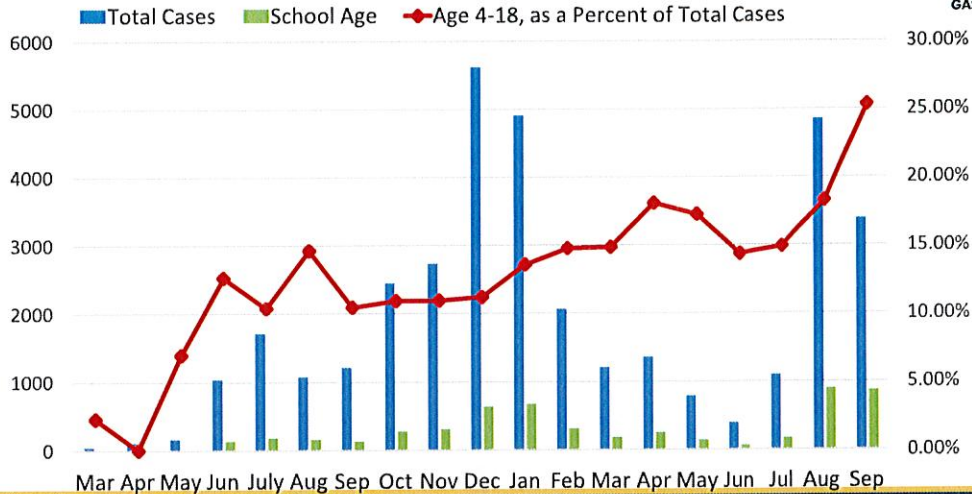


WEEKLY CASES, AGES 4 - 18



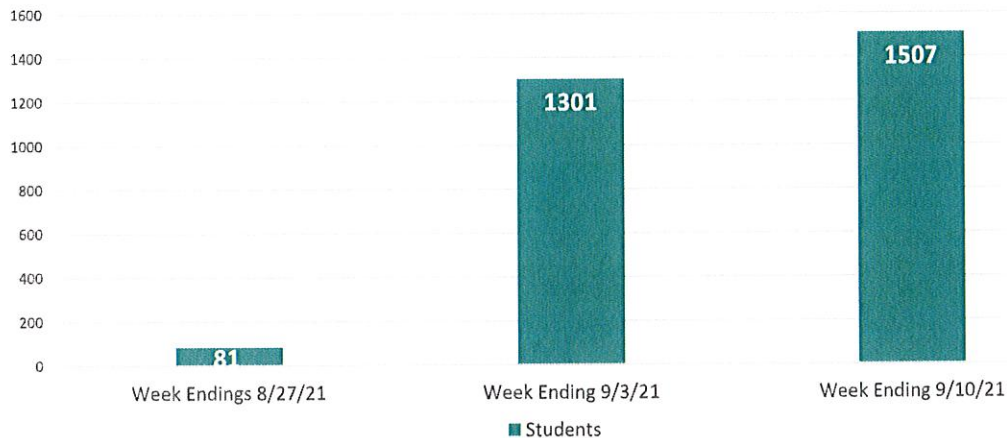
Source: NC EDSS; September 20, 2021

AGES 4 – 18; PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL CASES



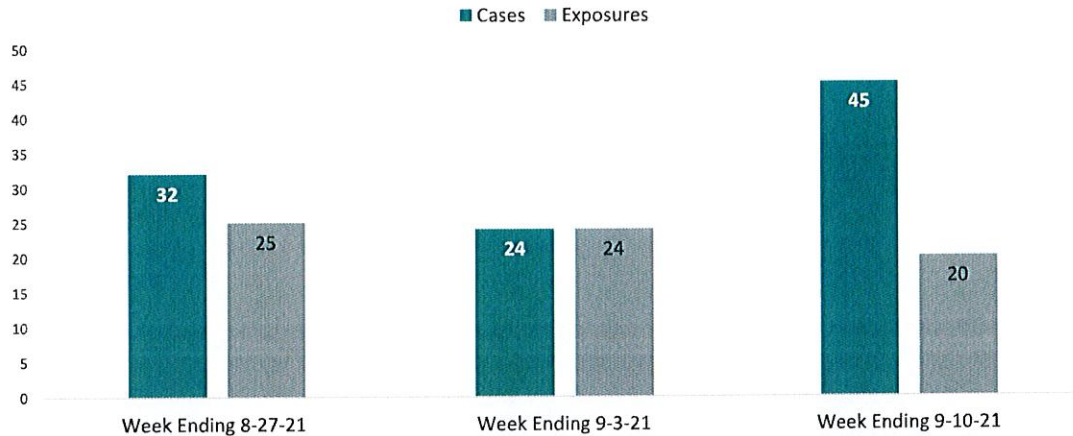
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STUDENT EXPOSURES AND QUARANTINES



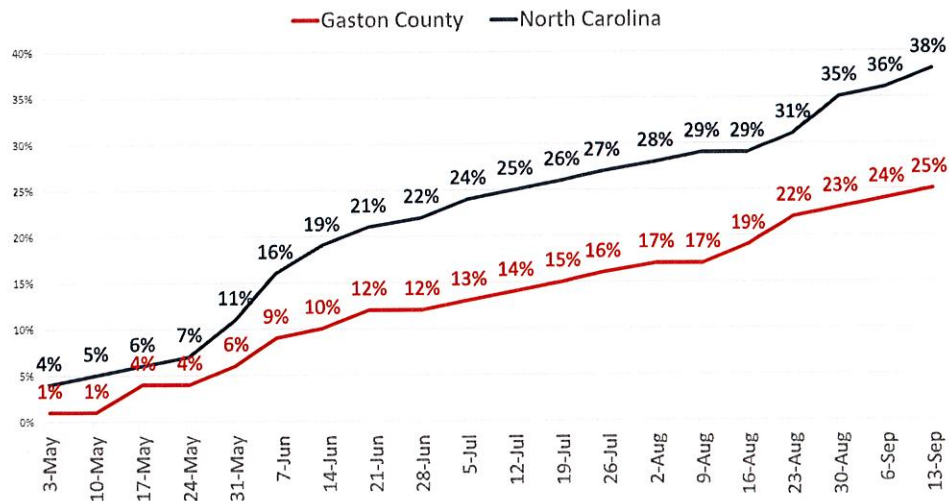
Source: Gaston County, Public, Private and Charter Schools

FACULTY AND STAFF, CASES AND EXPOSURES



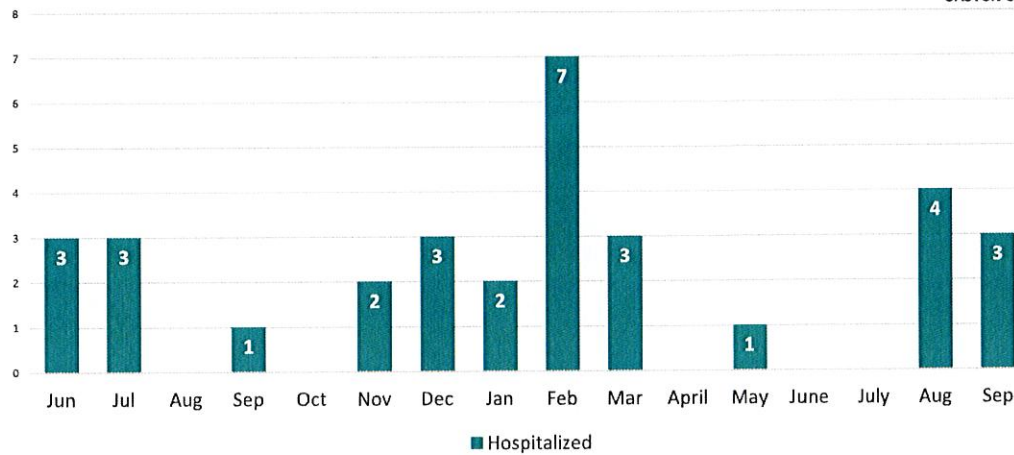
Source: Gaston County, Public, Private and Charter Schools; Some weeks may include partial counts.

VACCINATION RATES, AGES 12 - 17



Source: NC DHHS September 20, 2021

PEDIATRIC HOSPITALIZATIONS

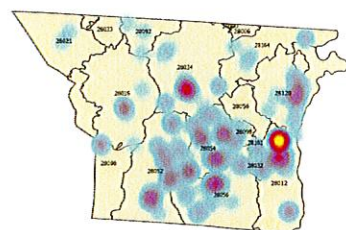


Source: NC EDSS; 9-17-21; Ages 0-18

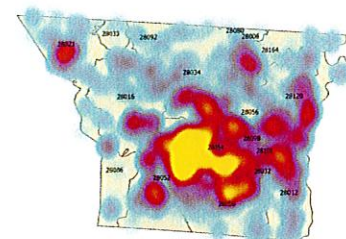
COMPARISON, 2020 - 2021



	2020	2021
Average Daily Case Count	44	210
Ages 4-18, Average Daily Case Count	5.2	48.8
Percent of Positive Cases	7.95%	17.1%
Average Daily Hospital Count	29	117



August 15 – September 15, 2020
COVID-19 Cases
Ages 4 - 18



August 15 – September 15, 2021
COVID-19 Cases
Ages 4 - 18

Source: NC EDSS; September 20, 2020/21, Based upon the second full week of September each year.

Together our Efforts are Working



Together we combine our strengths, expertise, and resources to address changes in the pandemic.

Together we remain consistent in our proven track record in addressing school related communicable disease outbreaks - pertussis, norovirus, and foodborne outbreaks to name a few

Together we share data and science to inform our decision making.

Together our leadership teams speak frankly, frequently, and openly in order to address daily challenges and opportunities. This is what allowed us to bring children back in person last fall as well after Christmas.

Together we have the same goal – keep kids and staff safe and healthy in our amazing schools each and every day.

Quarantine Options



CDC has offered options to reduce the duration of quarantine in either of the following two scenarios:

Option 1: 10 days of quarantine and no symptoms;

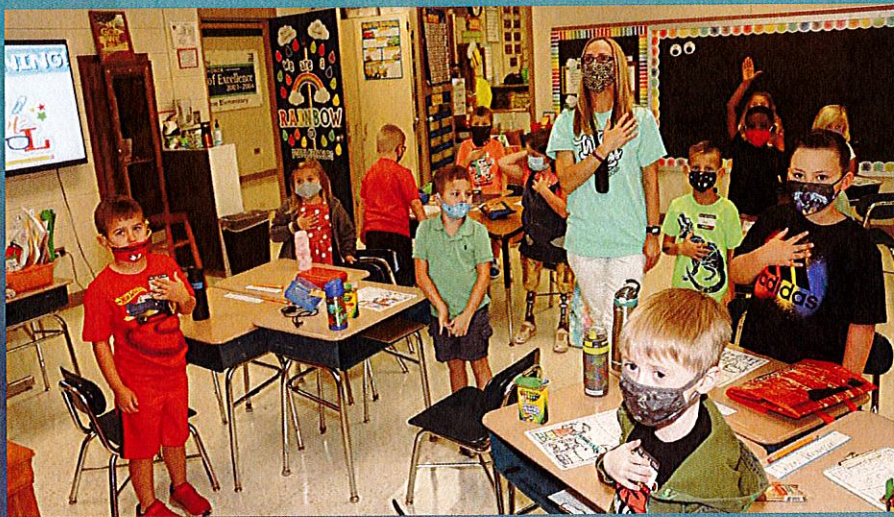
Option 2: 7 days of quarantine have been completed, no symptoms, and the individual has received results of a negative antigen or PCR/molecular test on a test taken no earlier than day 5 of quarantine.

In place now: 14 days of quarantine

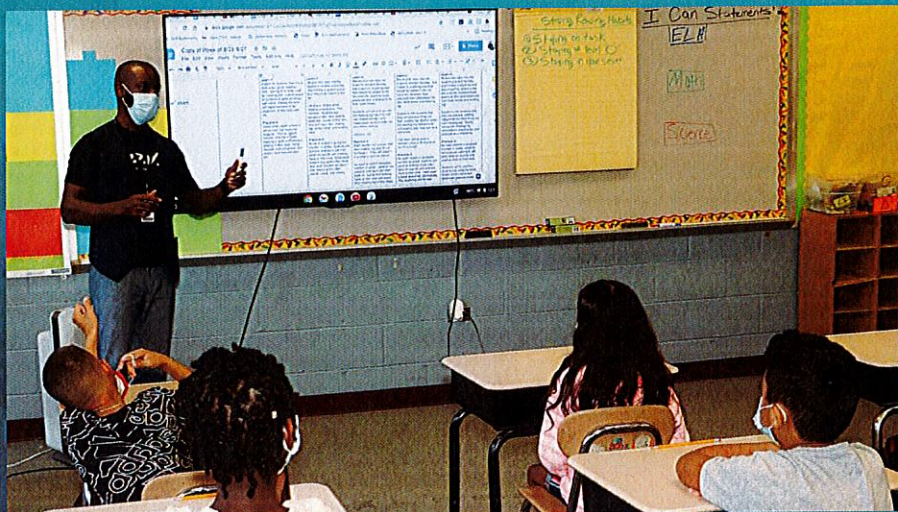
If quarantine is discontinued before day 14, the individual should continue to monitor symptoms, wear a mask, and socially distance wear possible.



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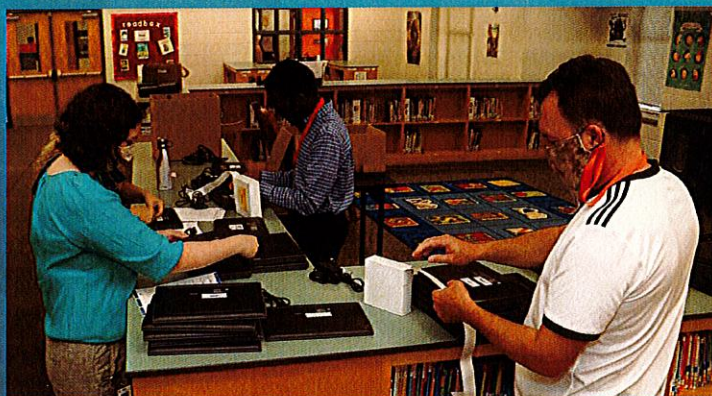
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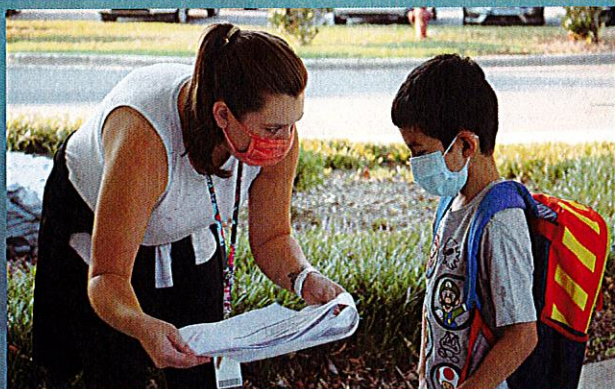
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**Gaston County Schools
BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee
Report for Regular Meeting on September 9, 2021**

Members Present:

Robbie Lovelace, Steve Hall, Justin Davis, Dot Cherry

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM.

Staff provided updates on Read to Achieve and Gaston Blended. All kindergarten teachers use the North Carolina Early Learning Inventory (NC ELI) to assess students entering their first year of school-aged instruction. A new component of Read to Achieve is Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS). LETRS training will begin January 2022. The Gaston Blended format prioritizes mastery standards and proficiency scales for every teacher in Gaston County Schools. Teachers continue to plan and personalize instruction for students.

Gaston Blended will launch the Parent Academy website to support families and the community on topics related to academics.

The committee was given information about DRIVE Education System. Drive Education will be included on tonight's agenda for consent. The Department for Federal Programs recommends contracting with DRIVE Education as an intervention support for Warlick Academy through the Innovative Partnership Grant.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

September 20, 2021
Operations Committee Report

The Operations Committee met on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 4:00pm in the Central Office Board Room. Our committee consists of Chairman – Lee Dedmon, Kevin Collier, Dot Cherry, and Brent Moore.

Our agenda and discussions included the following:

1. Associate Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer, Gary Hoskins, provided an update on the request from the Gaston Aquatic Center. The group has approached Gaston County Schools requesting consideration to purchase a portion of property adjacent to Lakewood Road near Stuart Cramer High School campus. They are working to prepare a more formal proposal to purchase for the Board's consideration.
2. Mr. Hoskins provided an update on the residential property, located at 425 S. Ridge Street in Dallas which has been declared surplus by the Board. This item will be presented to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners to exercise their Right of First Refusal before the property can be sold.
3. Project Manager, Chris Hall, updated us on the School Business Systems Modernization (SBSM) project. Additional system testing continues at this time with the HR and Payroll components. HR and Payroll systems are now scheduled to Go-Live on January 1, 2022. All classified non-exempt employees will move from a monthly payroll to a bi-weekly payroll beginning January 2022. Due to the project timeline extension, CherryRoad has presented us with a change order that could be offset by adjusting the Phase 2 scope of work.
4. Joey Clinton, our Executive Director of Human Resources, reported that we have 38 teacher vacancies, seven CTE vacancies at the middle and high schools and six exceptional children vacancies. Due to the enrollment numbers at the elementary schools, we were allotted seven more positions. Teachers and support staff with current CDL's are encouraged to drive buses. Any overtime earned as a result of driving a bus will be paid to the employee rather than earned as comp time. There are 22 student teachers working in the district this fall semester. Since August, there have been 101 positive Covid cases, 188 quarantined, and 3 clusters within the district.
5. Chief Technology Officer, Aaron Slutsky, informed us that there have been over 9,000 Chromebooks setup, inventoried, and distributed throughout the district so that we maintain a 1 to 1 ratio of Chromebooks to students.
6. Morgen Houchard, our Executive Director of Auxiliary Services, shared the following information from Auxiliary Services:
 - School Nutrition – Currently has 60 vacancies plus an additional 12 employees in Covid protocols. With the new freezer and the dry storage space at the Central Kitchen we have been able to manage and mitigate the food shortages and delivery problems. There are many shortages and price increases on meats, paper products, and canned foods, but we are working through them.

- Transportation – The four camera system is now fully functional on all yellow buses. We have continued to support and utilize the Two-Tier Model for bus transport of students and it is working well. However, there are currently 14 bus driver vacancies which negatively impacts certain bus routes.
 - Facilities – Work orders are still being completed in a timely fashion. There are 577 open. We have 14 vacancies throughout the many departments.
 - Safety/Security – Continuing to work with school leadership for athletic events to ensure proper metal detecting and bag searches and with all aspects of school safety. Also, the team is assisting with security fencing and life safety improvements throughout the district.
 - Information on current capital projects was shared.
7. Easements at North Belmont Elementary and Belmont Middle School were reviewed and discussed.
 8. Gary Hoskins discussed local maintenance and repair projects and salary adjustments.
 9. The timeline for the selection of an architect for the new Grier Middle School was explained. Requests for Qualifications from architects are due by 2:00pm on September 24, 2021. After reviewing potential candidates for the project, we plan to recommend an architect to the Board on November 15, 2021.
 10. A draft of potential bond projects was shared.
 11. The Committee agreed to recommend that the old Belmont Middle School property be declared as surplus. This item is on the Consent Agenda.
 12. Approval for the purchase of student Chromebooks, teacher Chromebooks, and commercial dehumidifiers were all recommended for approval from the Board and appears on the Consent Agenda.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2021 at 4:00pm in the Central Office Board Room.



Gaston County Schools Testing Center

Board of Education

September 20, 2021

The goal of all COVID-19 response in school settings is to keep students and staff healthy and in the classroom. Diagnostic testing refers to testing on an individual who has had a close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

NC Strong Schools Toolkit

Gaston County Schools



NCDHHS K12 COVID Testing Center

- Funding available to Public Schools participating
- \$3,400,000.00
- Facilities, Staff, Publications, and Materials / Test



Agency Certified Nurse Assistants (CNA)

- Obtain consent form from staff or parents/ guardians of students
- Perform test - voluntary
- Obtain, record, and report results
- Communicate results and provide staff and families with isolation / quarantine guidance



Testing Center Opening

- Former Records Room (Clay Street / Garrison Blvd.)
- Drive Up Format by appointment
- Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm
- Optional testing for exposed staff and students with parent consent
- Tests are no cost to employees or students

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2021-2022 Local Assessment Calendar

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Gaston County School

2021-2022 Test Administrative Dates

State Mandated, Field Tests, and Local Assessments

Test	Grades	Administration Dates	Assessment Type	Platform
WIDA Screener Placement Test/W-APT	All Grades	Aug. 23, 2021-June 1, 2022	State Mandated	(WIDA) DRC Insight
mClass BOY Assessments	K-3	Aug. 23-Sept. 20, 2021	State Mandated	Amplify
Kindergarten AMC BOY Math Assessment	Kindergarten	Aug. 23-Sept. 30, 2021	Local Assessment	AMC
iReady Diagnostic BOY (Reading)	Grades K-8	Sept. 1-30, 2021	Local Assessment	i-ready.com (Curriculum Associates)
iReady Diagnostic BOY (Math)	Grades 1-8	Sept. 1-30, 2021	Local Assessment	i-ready.com (Curriculum Associates)
Beginning of Grade 3 Reading Test (BOG3)	Grade 3	September 8, 2021	State Mandated	NCTest
NCDPI Check-in #1: Math 1 & Biology (HS/Early College)	Grades 9-12	Sept. 20-24, 2021	Local Assessment	NCTest
GCS Benchmark #1/Sem. 1 (English 2 & Math 3)	Grades 9 - 12	Sept. 20-24, 2021	Local Assessment	Case21
CDM (Credit by Demonstrated Mastery) Assessments	Grades 9 - 12	September 30, 2021	State Mandated	NCTest
The ACT (Spring 2021 Make-Up) #1	Grade 11	October 5, 2021	State Mandated	paper/pencil
NCBEXTEND1 Grade 11 (The ACT Alternate)	Grade 11	October 5-7 & 11-15, 2021	State Mandated	paper/pencil
College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (The ACT Alternate)(Spring 2020 Make-Up) #1	Grade 11	October 5-7 & 11-15, 2021	State Mandated	paper/pencil
NCDPI Check-In Biology: Structures and Molecular (HS/Early College)	Grades 9-12	October 11-15, 2021	Local Assessment	NCTest
PSAT Administration	Grades 10 & 11	October 13, 2021	Local Assessment	NCTest
The ACT (Spring 2021 Make-Up) #2	Grade 11	October 19, 2021	Local Assessment	paper/pencil
NCBEXTEND1 Grade 11 (The ACT Alternate)	Grade 11	October 19-22 & 25, 2021	State Mandated	paper/pencil
College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (The ACT Alternate)(Spring 2021 Make-Up) #2	Grade 11	October 19-22 & 25, 2021	State Mandated	paper/pencil
Read to Achieve Test Administration	Transitional 4th Graders	October 21, 2021	State Mandated	paper/pencil
NC Check-In #1: Reading	Grades 6-8	November 1-5, 2021	Local Assessment	NCTest
The ACT (Spring 2021 Make-Up) #3	Grade 11	November 2, 2021	State Mandated	paper/pencil
NCBEXTEND1 Grade 11 (The ACT Alternate)	Grade 11	November 2-5, 2021	State Mandated	paper/pencil
College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (The ACT Alternate)(Spring 2021 Make-Up) #3	Grade 11	November 2-5, 2021	State Mandated	paper/pencil
NC Check-In #1: NC Math 1	Grades 6-8	November 8-12, 2021	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-In #1: Math	Grades 6-8	November 8-15, 2021	Local Assessment	NCTest
PreACT	Grade 10	Nov. 08-19, 2021	State Mandated	ACT
College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (PreACT Alternate)	Grade 10	Nov. 08-19, 2021	State Mandated	NCTest
NCDPI Check-in #2: Math 1 & Biology (HS/Early College)	Grades 9-12	November 17-23, 2021	Local Assessment	NCTest
GCS Benchmark #2/Sem. 1 (English 2 & Math 3)	Grades 9 - 12	November 17-23, 2021	Local Assessment	Case21
WorkKeys Test	Grade 12 - Early Grads Only	Nov. 29-Dec. 10, 2021	State Mandated	ACT
End-of-Course Tests (Gaston Early College)	Grades 9 - 12	December 13-17, 2021	State Mandated	NCTest
End-of-Course Tests (High Schools)	Grades 9 - 12	December 15-21, 2021	State Mandated	NCTest
mClass MOY Assessments	K-3	January 10-31, 2022	State Mandated	Amplify
iReady Diagnostic MOY (Reading)	Grades K-8	January 10-31, 2022	Local Assessment	i-ready.com (Curriculum Associates)
iReady Diagnostic MOY (Math)	Grades K-8	January 10-31, 2022	Local Assessment	i-ready.com (Curriculum Associates)
WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Testing	All Grades	Jan. 24-April 23, 2022	State Mandated	(WIDA) DRC Insight
NC Check-In #2: Reading	Grades 6-8	January 31-February 4, 2022	Local Assessment	NCTest
NC Check-In #2: Math	Grades 6-8	February 7-11, 2022	Local Assessment	NCTest
GCS Benchmark #1/Sem. 2 (English 2 & Math 3)	Grades 9 - 12	February 14-18, 2022	Local Assessment	Case21
NCDPI Biology & Math I Check-in #1 (2nd Sem)	Grades 9-12	February 14-18, 2022	Local Assessment	NCTest
CDM (Credit by Demonstrated Mastery) Assessments	Grades 9 - 12	February 23, 2022	State Mandated	NCTest
The ACT	Grade 11	March 1, 2022	State Mandated	ACT Paper

Test		Grades	Administration Dates	Assessment Type	Platform
NCNEXTEND1 Grade 11 (The ACT Alternate)		Grade 11	March 1-10, 2022	State Mandated	NC Test
College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (The ACT Alternate)		Grade 11	March 1-10, 2022	State Mandated	NC Test
NC DPI Check-In Biology: Structures and Molecular (HS/Early College)		Grades 9-12	March 14-18, 2022	Local Assessment	NC Test
The ACT (Makeup Date)		Grade 11	March 15, 2022	State Mandated	ACT Paper
NCBXTEND1 Grade 11 (The ACT Alternate)[makeup]		Grade 11	March 15-25, 2022	State Mandated	NC Test
College and Career Readiness Alternate Assessment (The ACT Alternate) (makeup)		Grade 11	March 15-25, 2022	State Mandated	NC Test
NC Check-In #3: Reading		Grades 6-8	March 21-25, 2022	Local Assessment	NC Test
CoGAT (IQ Testing)		Grade 2	March 21-April 1, 2022	Local Assessment	NC Test
NC Check-In #3: Science (Physical & Life)		Grade 8	March 21-April 1, 2022	Local Assessment	Riverside Insights
NC Check-In #3: Math & NC Check-In #2: NC Math 1		Grades 6-8	March 28-April 1, 2022	Local Assessment	NC Test
WorkKeys Test		Grade 12	April 4-14, 2022	State Mandated	ACT
iReady Diagnostic EOY (Reading)		K-8	April 11-29, 2022	Local Assessment	i-ready.com (Curriculum Associates)
iReady Diagnostic EOY (Math)		K-8	April 11-29, 2022	Local Assessment	i-ready.com (Curriculum Associates)
GCS Benchmark/Sem. 2 (English 2 & Math 3)		Grades 9 - 12	April 25-29, 2022	Local Assessment	Case21
NC DPI Biology & Math I Check-in #2 (High School)		Grades 9 - 12	April 25-29, 2022	Local Assessment	NC Test
mClass EOY Assessments		K-3	May 4-24, 2022	State Mandated	Amplify
End-of-Course Tests (Gaston Early College HS)		Grades 9 - 12	May 16-20, 2022	State Mandated	NC Test
NC DPI EOY Math Summative Assessments		K-2	May 16-June 1, 2022	State Mandated	paper/pencil
End-of-Grade Test (ELA/Reading)		Grades 3 - 8	May 18, 2022	State Mandated	NC Test
NCNEXTEND1 Test		Grades 3 - 8 & 10	May 18-June 1, 2022	State Mandated	NC Test
End-of-Grade Test (Math)		Grades 3 - 8	May 23, 2022	State Mandated	NC Test
Math I End-of-Course Test (Middle School)		Grade 8	May 23, 2022	State Mandated	NC Test
End-of-Grade Test (Science)		Grades 5 & 8	May 25, 2022	State Mandated	NC Test
End-of-Course Tests (Semester Schedule High Schools)*		Grades 9 - 12	May 25-June 1, 2022	State Mandated	NC Test
EOG Retest (3rd Grade English/Lang. Arts EOG Only)		Grade 3	May 27, 2022	State Mandated	NC Test
EOG Summer Enrichment Retests		Grades 3-8	June 8-10, 2022	Summer Program	NC Test
High School EOC Summer Enrichment Retests		Grades 9-12	June 14-15, 2022	Summer Program	NC Test

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* Final Exam Schedule is TBD

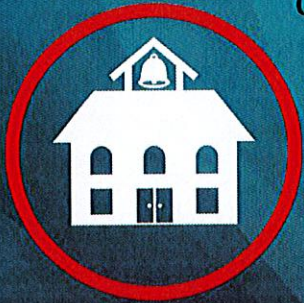


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North Carolina Accountability Model

- Effective 2017-2018
- School Performance Grades
- Long Term Goals

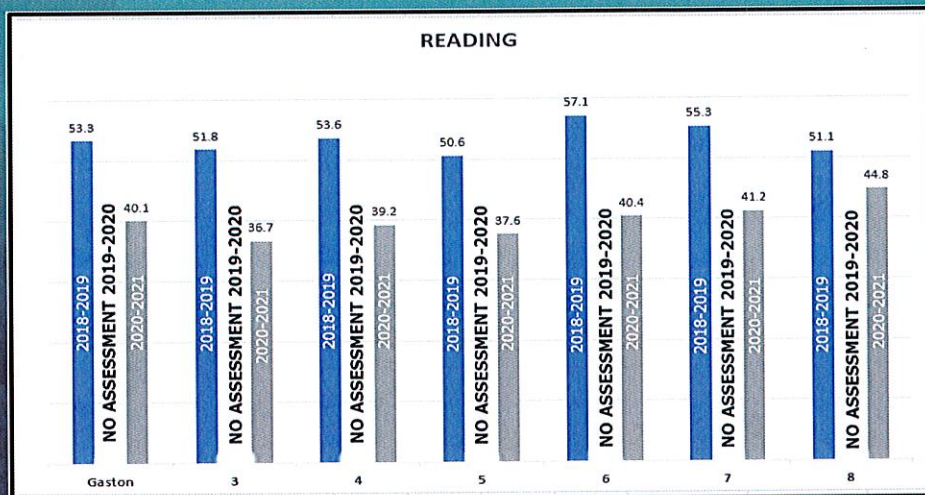
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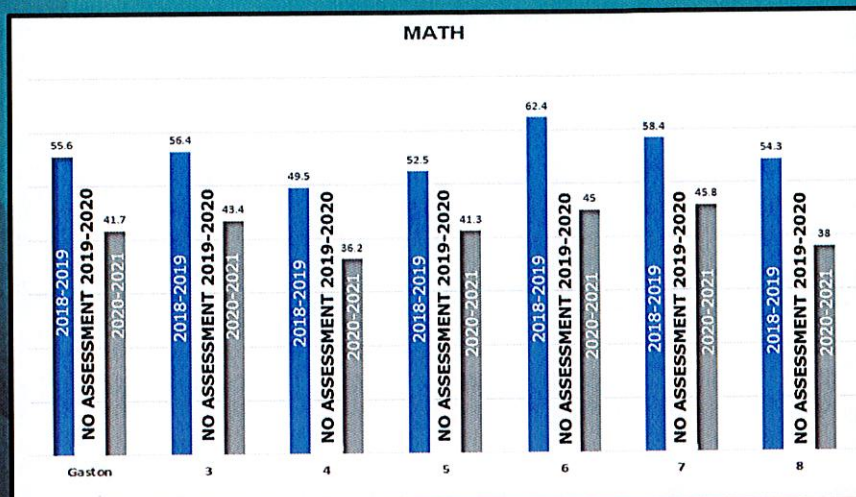
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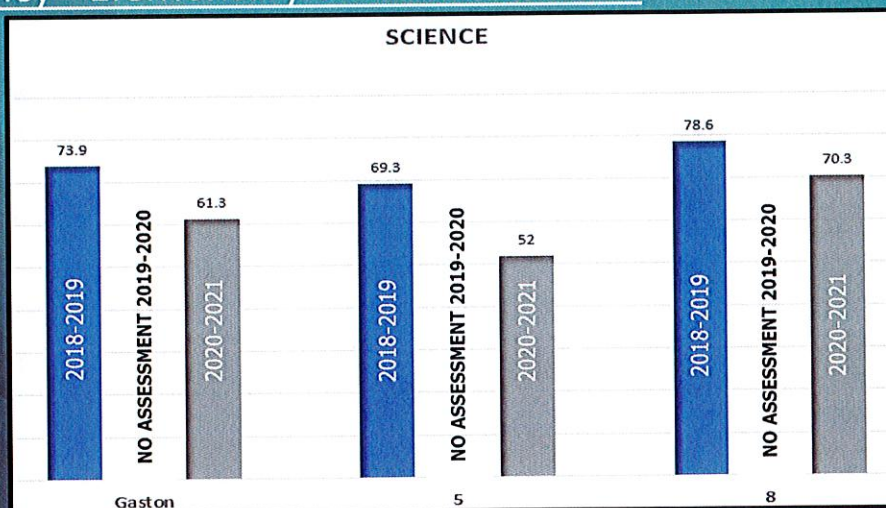
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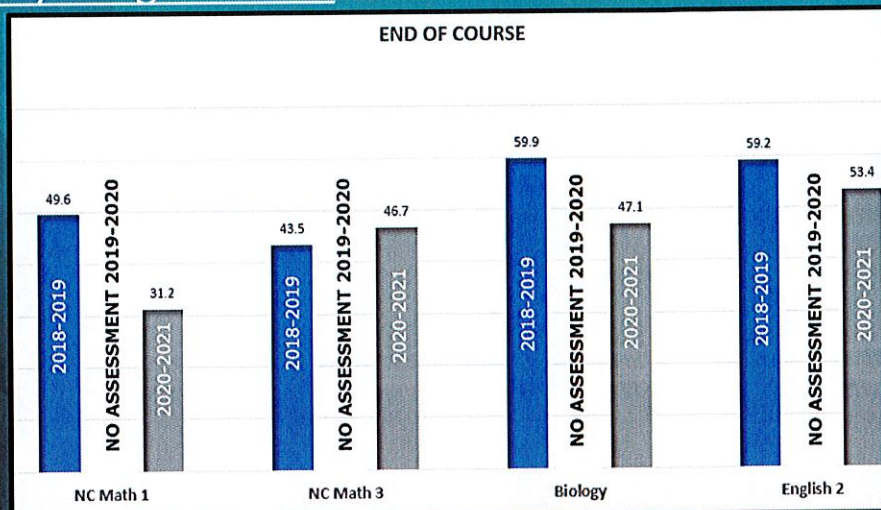
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Proficiency – High Schools



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Graduation Rate



86.5%

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ACT & WorkKeys

57.9%

2020-2021 Seniors Met
College or Career Readiness
Benchmark Measure

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Math Course Rigor

> 90%

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English Learner Progress

21

Schools with
Indicator

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Long Term Goals

- Similar to Adequate Yearly Progress under No Child Left Behind
- NCDPI Established 10-Year Improvement Goals
- Yearly Measures of Interim Progress
- Uses only Achievement Levels 4 & 5

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