

Virtual Regular Meeting    Cumberland County Board of Education    September 8, 2020

### Superintendent Updates the Board

Superintendent Dr. Connelly opened his comments by sharing that Cumberland County Schools (CCS) successfully navigated through the first three weeks of remote learning and “the efforts of our educators, students, staff, families and community partners have been simply remarkable.” He stated that there are several important factors to consider as the district prepares to open the schools for in-person learning. With a focus on student and staff safety, CCS will continue to work closely with the Cumberland County Health Director and other health officials and stakeholders to monitor local COVID-19 conditions to determine when Plan B (Blended-Remote and Face-to-Face Learning) and Plan A (Traditional Face-to-Face Learning with Minimal Social Distancing) can be safely implemented. Dr. Connelly said the administrative team has already begun working behind the scenes to prepare for a smooth and safe return.

### COVID-19 Update

Cumberland County Department of Public Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green and Cape Fear Valley Medical Center CEO Michael Nagowski shared draft COVID-19 school reopening metrics, which the Board will later consider for approval.

With a focus on student and staff safety, Dr. Connelly has convened a COVID-19 Medical Advisory team, which is composed of local health officials as well as internal and external stakeholders. The team will review weekly COVID-19 metrics, such as the case positivity rate, new cases per capita (100K), the rate of acceleration, and the number of active clusters in the last two weeks, which will help guide the district as it charts a path toward reopening for in-person instruction.

Dr. Connelly said a special board meeting will be scheduled mid-September to address movement to Plan B.

### Administrative Recommendations

#### Assistant Principals

Alma Easom Elementary School  
Lillian Black Elementary School

Patricia Honeycutt  
Corinna Davis

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Dr. Marvin Connelly

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**Changes to Strategic Plan Metrics Adopted**

The Board approved the Student Support Services Committee's recommendation to change verbiage in the [Strategic Plan Metrics](#) of Measures 4.1, 4.3, and 4.4.

**Board Approves 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget**

A budget was approved by the Board for CCS' fiscal year 2020-2021. The [FY 2021 Summary Budget](#) document outlines the district's proposed spending for the current school year.

**Funding Approved for School Business Modernization Project**

The Board approved the funding for the School Business Modernization Project that authorizes appropriating \$7 million of the district's fund balance to finance the project through a contract with Cherry Road.

**Board Gives New Title IX Policies a 'Thumbs Up'**

The nine-member Board gave approval to the new Title IX Policies on an immediate, temporary basis as allowed under Policy 2420 and required by federal regulations. Key provisions of the new Title IX regulation define sexual harassment to include sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, as unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex. It also requires school district across the country to offer clear, accessible options for any person to report sexual harassment.

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