

# Next Step

A report on Board action  
Cumberland County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
**February 14, 2018**

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## **Administrative Recommendations Approved**

### **Director**

DODEA Grants Project Director      Stefanie Shook

### **Coordinator**

Grants Management Coordinator      Jennifer Lloyd

## **Recognition of Ex-Officio Members**

Student Government leaders Dakarria Flowers from South View High School and Hannah Childress from E.E. Smith High School served as ex-officio members of the Cumberland County Board of Education. Ex-officio members are given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions, and give input on any topic brought before the Board.

## **Proclamations Get Board Support**

Members of the Board approved the following proclamations for support from the school district and the community:

- Career and Technical Education Month in the Cumberland County Schools (February 1 – 28, 2018)
- National School Counseling Week in the Cumberland County Schools (February 4 – 10, 2018)
- School Social Work Week in the Cumberland County Schools (March 4 – 11, 2018)

## **Board Embraces Previous Sex Education Curriculum**

After receiving recommendations from a review committee composed of community members, teachers, and administrators, the Board voted to embrace the locally developed Middle School Reproductive Health & Safety Lessons that were implemented in 2009. The curriculum, which was updated in 2013 by Cumberland County Health Educators, meets all the requirements of the Healthy Youth Act and offers an 'opt out' component. The curriculum allows sixth graders to focus on interpersonal communication and relationships. A parent component and supporting teacher scripts for class lessons will be developed to accompany the curriculum.

## **Ireland Drive/Douglas Byrd Middle Transition Proposal 'Gets Thumbs Up'**

After much discussion, members of the Board voted to give approval to a proposal that would change the grade configurations at Ireland Drive and

### **Board of Education**

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District #3

#### **Donna Van**

Vice-Chair  
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Musgrave**  
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**Rudy Tatum**  
At-Large

**Greg West**  
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Douglas Byrd middle schools so that they would both educate 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Ireland Drive Middle would change from a 6<sup>th</sup>- grade-only school while Douglas Byrd Middle would transform from a 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-grade school to a 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>-grade middle school. Parent, teacher, and community feedback was collected in creating the proposal, which educators feel would create comprehensive 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> middle schools that would fully embrace the middle school concept, allow for the establishment of a PTA/PTO, share athletic programs, and make vertical planning easier to facilitate among the elementary feeder schools.

### **Board Recognitions**

Dr. Mary W. Black, the associate superintendent of Student Support Services, introduced the following honorees to the Board to be recognized:

### **North Carolina School Public Relations Association (NCSPPRA) 2017 Blue Ribbon Award**

**Recipients** - Members of the CCS' Communications & Public Relations Department and Video Production Office were acknowledged by the Board as recent award recipients of the NCSPPRA 2017 Blue Ribbon Awards of Excellence. Chief Communications Officer Renarta Clanton Moyd, Videographer Nakol Lovett, Communications Administrative Assistant Linda Posey (retired), and Communications Secretary and Web Manager Laurie Pender received the following awards during the Jan. 26 NCSPPRA Awards Brunch in Greensboro:

### **Electronic Media Category**

- "Embracing the Vision" 2018 Principal of the Year Video – *Gold Award*
- "A View into Blended Learning" Video – *Silver Award*
- "Twas the Day Before Winter Break" Mannequin Challenge Holiday Video Card – *Silver Award*
- "Sprint 1 Million Project" Video – *Silver Award*

### **Excellence in Writing Category**

- Cumberland County Schools' Strengthens Its Quest Back-To-School Article – *Bronze Award*

### **Publications Category**

- Cumberland County Schools' 2016-2017 Points of Pride Annual Report – *Silver Award*

### **Special Events & Programs Category**

- CCS' 2018 Principal of the Year Luncheon: "Collaborate. Compete. Succeed." - *Gold Award*

### **Marketing Category**

- Collaborate. Compete. Succeed. Marketing Campaign (Fall 2017) – *Gold Award*

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