

# The BT Supporter

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## Special Points of Interest

- December 11 - Collaborative Meeting and Superintendent Luncheon at the Hitch' N Post in Williamston
- January 21-22 - Collaborative Retreat at the Edgecombe County Schools Professional Development Center in Princeville
- February 19 - Collaborative Meeting in Bertie County
- March 18 - Collaborative Meeting in Northampton County
- April 15 -17 - Spring Conference in Morehead City
- June 3 - Collaborative Meeting in Williamston

## Member LEAs

- Bertie County Schools
- Camden County Schools
- Edenton/Chowan Schools
- Edgecombe County
- Gates County Schools
- Halifax County Schools
- Hertford County Schools
- Northampton County
- Perquimans County
- Tyrrell County Schools
- Vance County Schools
- Warren County Schools
- Washington County
- Weldon City Schools

## A Special Thank You to Our Superintendents

A special "Thank You" goes out to the Superintendents of our Collaborative school districts for their more than 23 years of continued support.



With school budgets as they are, it becomes even more crucial that we continue this collaborative effort. Not only is there strength in numbers, there is also the opportunity for effective use of resources when each member of the organization does not have to perform all the support efforts individually.

Ralph Evans, Director of the Collaborative, would like to thank the Superintendents for allowing each LEA representative to participate in this effort. "We have a really great group of professionals conducting the business of the Collaborative."

Mr. Evans also expresses his appreciation for allowing him to serve as your director.

**Our Superintendents for 2015-16 are as follows:**

- **Bertie:** Mrs. Elaine White
- **Camden:** Mr. Melvin Hawkins
- **Edenton/Chowan:** Dr. Rob Jackson
- **Edgecombe:** Mr. John Farrelly
- **Gates:** Dr. Barry Williams
- **Halifax:** Dr. Elease Frederick
- **Hertford:** Dr. William T. Wright, Jr.
- **Northampton:** Dr. Monica Smith-Wofter
- **Perquimans:** Dr. Dwayne Stallings
- **Tyrrell:** Dr. Will Hoffman
- **Vance:** Dr. Anthony Jackson
- **Warren:** Dr. Ray Spain
- **Washington:** Dr. Delilah Jackson
- **Weldon:** Dr. Anitra Wells

## NC POY Shares Insights

Mr. Steve Lassiter, NC Principal of the Year joined the Collaborative for its November meeting at the Weldon City Schools Central Office. Mr. Lassiter has an excellent track record in supporting and developing beginning teachers.

One of the major initiatives we are pursuing is finding ways to help

principals in their support and development of beginning teachers. Mr. Lassiter participated in Collaborative activities centered around the establishment of strategies to be included in our three-year strategic plan.

Our meeting concluded with an open discussion session with Mr. Lassit-

er. He answered questions from the group and offered suggestions based on his experience working with beginning teachers.

We are very appreciative of Mr. Lassiter sharing his insights with the Collaborative and look forward to a continued association with him.

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## Annual Retreat / Work Session

The Collaborative will hold its annual retreat/work session January 21-22, 2016 at the Edgecombe County Schools Professional Development Center in Princeville. The two-day session will be devoted to developing strategies/resources to better support beginning teachers in our member districts.

Some of the activities will include data analysis,

strategic plan development/ implementation, collaboration with partners on special projects, and initial planning for the annual spring conference.

A portion of the retreat will be devoted to the continued development of a grant proposal in partnership with East Carolina University to recruit and retain high quality teachers in hard to fill teaching positions.

## Teachers Attend Fall Conference

The Collaborative to Support Initially Licensed Professionals sponsored its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Drive-In Conference Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Chowan University. The purpose of the conference is to provide beginning teachers in member districts an opportunity to learn strategies and recommendations from practitioners in the field. We believe this conference will help teachers who are beginning to experience real world situations in the classroom.

Participants had an opportunity to attend three of the following sessions:

- Classroom Management
- Differentiated Instruction

- Student Engagement/ Motivating the Hard to Reach Student
- Technology in the Classroom
- The Law and Beginning Teachers / Staying Employed
- Working with Students of Poverty

The Collaborative wishes to express its sincere gratitude to Dr. Brenda Tinkham, Dr. Ella Benson, and Chowan University for serving as a great host for this event. We also want to thank session presenters, our LEA representatives, and partners without whom we could not have made this happen.

### Sample of Teacher Comments from Fall Conference

~ "I enjoyed the choice, having the option to choose the sessions I attend. The presenters I saw and listened to were great."

~ "The conference was great. I definitely appreciated the materials that we were able to take home. Every session that I participated in showed different

techniques that I could either use in my class, or keep for my records."

~ "I like the networking w/other educators ..."

~ "Really liked how I could relate to each session that I went to. Each session had something I could take away and implement in my classes."



Fall Drive-In Conference

The average evaluation rating for all sessions was at least 4.3 on a 5-point schedule.

Participating teachers should be commended for taking time on their day off to attend the conference. Going beyond the call of duty to grow professionally is a mark of a true educator.

~ "Well thought out and planned. Presenters knew their stuff!"

~ "The information and presenters are relevant to daily instructional practices. The opportunity to interact w / other teachers from regional institutions is quite beneficial to impacting learning."

~ "Information is crucial to success as a teacher ..."