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Special Points of Interest

- August 13 & 27 - Support Coach Orientation
- July - August - Beginning Teacher Orientation
- September 4 - Collaborative Meeting in Hertford County
- September 26 - Fall Drive-In Conference and Monthly Meeting at Chowan University
- November 6 - Collaborative Meeting at Weldon City Schools
- December 11 - Collaborative Meeting and Superintendent Luncheon at the Hitch' N Post 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

Collaborative Kicks Off 24th Year!

The Collaborative to Support Initially Licensed Professionals (AKA Northeast Collaborative) kicked off its 24th year as member school districts conducted beginning teacher orientation programs. Ralph Evans, Director of the Collaborative attended seven of those sessions.

According to Evans, "... while there is diversity among the member LEAs, including the number of new teachers, it is evident that there are many characteristics and needs common to all the districts served by the Collaborative. Through a

united effort, we can better support our new teachers as they work to provide the quality education our students deserve."

The Collaborative held its first monthly meeting of the year at the Hertford County Public Schools Central Office in Winton, NC on Friday, September 4, 2015. Topics for discussion included updates from the director, regional representatives, and partners.

Representatives approved final arrangements for the Fall Drive-In Conference to be held at Chow-



Kicking off the New School Year.

an University, September 26, 2015. They also discussed preliminary topics for each of the 2015-16 monthly meetings.

The meeting included group work sessions for preliminary discussions of strategies to be included in the 2015-18 strategic plan.

LEA Representatives Key to Success

The LEA Representatives hold the key to the success of the Collaborative.

Without their tireless efforts, the organization would not have survived for its more than 23 years.

Among the 2015-16 LEA representatives and partners are seven new members. We welcome them to our family and look forward to their contributions to our mission.

A special thanks to the following individuals for

their hard work and dedication to improving opportunities for our students through support to beginning teachers:

Sandra Hardy, Bertie; Marianne Russell, Camden; Tanya Turner (returning), Edenton/Chowan; Kelly Jones (new), Edgecombe; Jennifer Hill, Gates; Sharon Arrington, Halifax; Betty Pugh (returning), Hertford; Dr. Mark Rumley (new), Northampton;

Brenda Dail, Perquimans; Shelia Cumiskey, Tyrrell; Vivian Bullock, Vance; Jacqueline Hargrove, Warren; Cedric Gerald (new), Washington; Tracy Gary, Weldon; Erika Newkirk and Sonya Rinehart, Regional Education Facilitators; Dr. Ella Benson (new) Chowan University; Catrina Davis (new) East Carolina University; Dr. Shelia Williams, Elizabeth City State University; and Teresa McCall, Regional Alternative Licensing Center.

