

The Supporter

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Special Points of Interest

- June 10, — Collaborative Meeting in Columbia
- July 18, 19, 20 — Mentor Training in Edenton
- August 12, — Collaborative Meeting site TBD

Member LEAs

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

Teachers Grow At Annual Conference

“Networking,” “Support,” “Professional Growth.” Those were the buzz words as approximately 150 new teachers gathered at the Sheraton Atlantic Beach April 29-May 1, 2005 to participate in the thirteenth annual spring conference sponsored by the Collaborative to Support Initially Licensed Professionals.

The conference got underway with a banquet Friday night. Dr. Kermit G. Buckner, Professor, Department of Professional Leadership, East Carolina University, was the keynote speaker.

The banquet concluded with group assignments for structured networking for the weekend. The group task was to meet other group members and discuss what they hoped to gain by participating in the conference.

Saturday was filled with many great sessions to help new teachers grow professionally. Sessions included: classroom management; classroom strategies; differentiated instruction; exceptional children; motivating exceptional children; motivating the hard to reach student; or-

ganizational skills for teachers; parent conferencing; Praxis strategies; support coach focus group; the writing curriculum; and, technology/web pages for the classroom.

After the concurrent sessions were completed, the networking groups met to discuss what they had gained during the conference and to prepare a presentation for the closing session on Sunday.

The closing session began with networking groups presenting skits to share what they came to the conference hoping to gain; what they gained while at the conference; and how they will use what they have gained when they return to their schools.

After observing how well the presentations created, Ralph Evans, Collaborative Director said, “With teachers this creative and able to put together such quality presentations on a short notice, I know our students have the opportunity to be successful.”

The conference concluded with a video capturing the highlights of the conference, produced by Kerri Albertson.



Teachers Growing Like Beautiful Roses

Mr. Evans expressed his appreciation to “... all persons who were involved in making the conference a success. A special thank you is extended to our speaker and presenters.

“The Collaborative greatly appreciates the businesses and organizations for contributing door prizes or gifts. Also, I would like to thank the Sheraton Atlantic Beach for hosting the conference.

“Most of all, I would like to thank all the ILT Coordinators and Superintendents of the participating school districts for their support and tireless efforts in trying to provide support for our new teachers.”

At the conclusion of the conference, the Collaborative held its monthly meeting prior to leaving Atlantic Beach.

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LEA Representatives

An organization is no stronger than its leadership. The Collaborative is fortunate to have representatives on the executive board who work tirelessly and display exemplary leadership for this organization. The real strength of this organization is networking for the good of all the member districts. An organization can plan as much as it wants; however, it takes dedication to make those plans become a reality. I am grateful to work with such a wonderful group of professionals.

— Ralph Evans, Director

Bertie:	Connie Richardson
Camden:	Paula Mickey and Amy Steinert
Edenton/Chowan:	Linda Perry
Gates:	Kerri Albertson
Halifax:	Selma Allen
Hertford:	Betty Pugh
Martin:	Karen Dameron
Northampton:	Susie Johnson
Perquimans:	Brenda Dail
Tyrrell:	Pearl Sutton
Warren:	Princine Jefferies
Washington:	Dr. May Wilkins
Weldon:	Harriett Walker

A Special Thank You To Our Superintendents

A special “**Thank You**” goes out to the Superintendents of our Collaborative school districts. When the initial funding for the Collaborative ceased to exist, our Superintendents recognized the value of the Collaborative and made it possible for the organization to continue through LEA funding sources.

Now, with the State budget dilemma, 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.



Thank you for your support.

In order to continue to grow as an organization, the Collaborative has initiated efforts to obtain additional funding through grant sources. Should funding become available, the Collaborative will enhance its capacity to provide even more services for new teachers.

Ralph Evans, Director of the Collaborative, would like to thank the Collaborative 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 2004-2005

Bertie	Mr. John F. Smith, Sr
Camden	Dr. John Dunn
Edenton/Chowan	Dr. Allan Smith
Gates	Dr. Robert Hahne
Halifax	Dr. Willie Gilchrist
Hertford	Mr. Dennis Deloatch
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Northampton	Mr. J. Wendell Hall, Interim
Perquimans	Dr. Kenneth Wells
Tyrrell	Mr. Nelson Smith
Warren	Dr. Ray V. Spain
Washington	Mr. Julius Walker, Jr.
Weldon	Dr. Kathi Gibson