



Highlights from the January 10 Meeting

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Beginning Teacher of the Year State Finalist

Xavier Adams, OHS teacher, is a finalist for the 2022 Prudential NC Beginning Teacher of the Year Award. Twenty-seven teachers from across the state were selected as finalists for the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) award in honor of their dedication, innovation and ability to inspire students to achieve. The state winner will be announced February 17.



School Board Appreciation Month in NC

The month of January is designated as School Board Appreciation Month to honor those elected officials who exemplify being *Resilient, Ready, and Relentless* for all schools and their students. All Board members received student-made cards and art thanking them for their service.

The Board Received the Following Updates & Reports:

- COVID-19 Health & Safety Updates from ABC Science Collaborative and Orange County Health Department [slides 15-37](#)
- OCS Literacy Audit Report - [slides 53-80](#)
- Science of Reading, LETRS & ThinkCERCA Reports - [slides 82-104](#)

Reminder of Dates

- **COVID Testing Clinics** - January 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at A.L. Stanback and Gravelly Hill Middle Schools **Registration is REQUIRED** <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday** - All OCS schools and buildings will be closed to the public **Monday, January 17.**
- **Teacher Workdays** (for all schools except year-round Hillsborough Elementary) - January 20-21
- **Next School Board Meeting** - January 24 - 6:00 p.m.
- **Teacher Workday** - February 4 for all schools

Please Note: These are not the official minutes of the school board work session. The official minutes and all board policies are located [here](#).

BOARD Matters



Board Approved COVID-19 Health & Safety Updates

effective January 11 - February 8, 2022

MASK UPDATES

- OCS will require universal masking indoors and outdoors for all students, staff and visitors.
- OCS is in the process of securing higher filtration disposable masks for staff and students who request them.

MEAL UPDATES

- Meal times (actual time eating) shall be no more than 15 minutes for all students indoors and outdoors. Once students are masked, they may talk.
- Students will not talk while masks are off during meal times.
- Students will maintain 3 ft of physical distance to the extent possible when consuming meals.

VISITOR, ATHLETIC, & EXTRACURRICULAR UPDATES

- Visitors of OCS fans or adults attending student performances will be limited to two individuals per OCS student athlete or OCS student performing. Visiting teams from out of the county will not have fans. When OCS teams play another OCS team, both the home team and visitors will be limited to two fans per athlete or participant.
- No concessions will be sold on campuses at any event.

REMINDERS

- Health and safety requirements for students may be more restrictive or less restrictive by campus indoors based on student vaccination rates and/or cases of secondary in-school transmission of COVID-19.

STAFF UPDATES

- All COVID-19 Champion Administrators (CCAs/Testing Staff) will receive a \$400 monthly stipend through June 30, 2022. This stipend is to cover the additional work and responsibilities for overseeing, coordinating and conducting onsite COVID testing on each campus.
- When implemented for NC State Employees the requirement for a booster vaccine to be completed in order to be considered fully vaccinated, the Orange County Schools will also require employees to have the booster vaccination in order to be considered fully vaccinated.

OTHER UPDATES

- Authorization for the Superintendent to enter into purchase contracts up to \$150,000 for additional air purification machines for some classrooms, offices or other designated spaces that are without one currently.
- Prohibition on any new facility rental applications through February 28, 2022.

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