



Highlights from the January 24 Meeting

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OCS Equity Warrior of the Month

David Gaddy, OHS math teacher, was recognized as this month's Equity Warrior for OCS. For Gaddy, equity means giving every opportunity for each student to be successful—in whatever context success means for the individual during the time you have with them. He has a duty and a desire to give every student what they need every day to be successful, whenever they walk through his door. "If there are no relationships, you will not be a successful teacher. Students want to trust you," said Gaddy regarding the need to establish relationships to ensure equity occurs. [Read More Here](#)

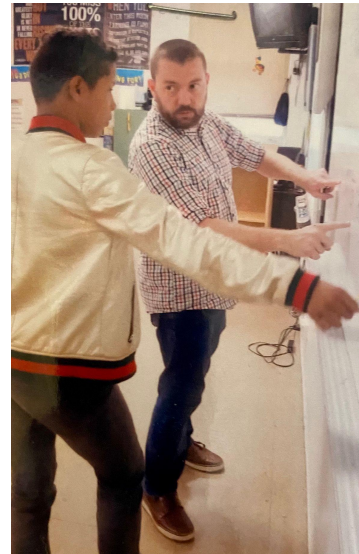


PHOTO: Mr. Gaddy (right) is speaking in Spanish to a former student (2019) on adding and subtracting positive and negative numbers.

School Board Appreciation Month in NC 🎉

The month of January is designated as School Board Appreciation Month. Here is a [special video from River Park Elementary School students!](#)

Reminder of Dates 📅

- **COVID Testing Clinics** - February 5 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at A.L. Stanback & Gravelly Hill Middle Schools **Registration is REQUIRED** <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>
- **Teacher Workday** - February 4 for all schools
- **Next School Board Meeting** - February 7 at 6:00 p.m.

First Day of School for 2022-2023 School Year 📅

July 14, 2022 for Hillsborough Elementary School (year-round school)
August 29, 2022 for all OCS traditional schools

The full 2022-2023 school calendars will be presented for approval at the February 7 school board meeting. Once approved, the calendars will be shared with all staff and families.

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



Resolution to Protect English Language Learner Students

The Board approved a [Resolution to Protect English Language Learner Students](#). OCS currently has 827 English Language Learners (ELL) who speak 34 languages. The resolution acknowledges the importance of taking intentional steps to ensure access to a sound basic education and stands ready to address the struggles of ELL as one of the groups with greatest needs and challenges to meeting their full potential. OCS celebrates the strengths and assets that ELLs' families bring to our diverse school communities.

Hillsborough Elementary School

The Board approved the following Lottery Enrollment Priorities for Hillsborough Elementary School (HES) applications for the 2022-2023 school year. HES is our only year-round school (PK-5) and is the only school in OCS without an attendance zone. This means all HES families must apply for their child to attend HES. The transfer deadline is January 31, 2022. [LINK to more information and application for all OCS Choice Schools/Programs. slides 42-58](#)

1. Returning student*
2. New student with a returning sibling
3. Child of an employee assigned to Hillsborough Elementary
4. Student domiciled in a planning segment with historical academic achievement at or below 2.5
5. Student domiciled in a planning segment assigned to an over-capacity school (LOS of 98% or higher)
6. Students domiciled in-district not seated above
7. Out-of-district students accepted for discretionary admission to HES with the payment of tuition

**For 2022-23 only, students previously enrolled at HES and assigned to the OCS Online Academy for 2021-22 will be allowed reenrollment under priority #1.*

The Board Received the Following Updates & Reports:

- Classified Salary Study - [slides 15-34](#)
- Easement Request from Town of Hillsborough for Pump Relocation Project - [slides 36-40](#)

2022 Graduation Dates - Mark Your Calendars! 🎓🎉

Partnership Academy, June 9 at Cedar Ridge at 10:00 a.m.

OCS Online Academy, June 9 at Cedar Ridge at 1:00 p.m.

Orange High, June 10 at Dean Dome at 4:30 p.m.

Cedar Ridge, June 10 at Dean Dome at 7:30 p.m.