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SURRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

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# SURRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

## REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT • TRAVIS L. REEVES, ED.D.

I am passionate about our theme #promise4ALL. I am passionate about giving kids opportunities to grow, excel, and become bigger than they could ever imagine. I am passionate about giving students a true purpose and meaning. I am passionate about giving students the opportunity to make choices in their education. Our goal, through 21st Century innovative practices, is to provide pathways for ALL students to achieve and reach their highest potential, to develop as leaders, and to be prepared for college, careers, and life.

In 2016-2017, students earned 3,844 credits college credits and over 700 industry-recognized or college credentials. The cost savings to students and their families in tuition alone totaled \$276,768. The cost savings for textbooks totaled approximately \$125,000. This is the true meaning of our theme #promise4ALL.

Even though this is a huge accomplishment for our school system, it is not the only one. Surry County graduated a record high of 90.6 percent of students in the spring of 2017, and we continued to outpace the rest of the state in academic achievement according to the 2016-17 Performance and Growth of North Carolina Public Schools. Surry County Schools ranked 13th of 115 school systems in the state in Overall Academic Performance.

Being 13th in the state for academic performance of 115 school districts is an accomplishment that makes our Surry County Schools' family very proud. This does not happen by chance. The implementation of the strategic plan set by the Surry County Schools Board of Education lead us in the right direction to move forward, and the deliberate high-impact teaching and learning in every classroom everyday also moved the needle. I am proud of our teachers, administrators, and all our support staff who are committed to providing personalized and customized educational experiences for students daily so they can achieve to their highest potential.

This publication provides an overview of the many achievements in our schools from the 2016-2017 school year. Through this annual report, we are able to reflect on our accomplishments and envision future successes. It reminds us that promises to our students are worth making and keeping!

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## MISSION & GOALS



### MISSION STATEMENT

The Surry County School System is committed to educating all students to be productive workers, responsible citizens, and lifelong learners, enabling them to be globally competitive and prepared for life in the 21st Century.

### BOARD GOALS

- To **produce** globally competitive students graduating from high school prepared for work, further education, and citizenship
- To **ensure**, through the interconnectedness of knowledge, skills, and performance, every student has a customized and personalized education
- To **attract**, train, and retain quality personnel with skills to deliver 21st Century content to ensure every student has excellent, positive educators every day
- To **develop** up-to-date financial, business, and technology systems to serve SCS students, parents, and educators
- To **provide** a healthy, safe, responsible environment and a caring culture



Terri E. Mosley, Ed.D.  
*Chairman*



Clark G. Goings  
*Vice-Chairman*



## BOARD OF EDUCATION



Sexton Earlie Coe



Brian K. Moser



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Molly Anderson  
*Principal of the Year*



Phillip Riekehof  
*Teacher of the Year*



Angie Forte  
*Volunteer of the Year*

## OUR SCHOOLS AT-A-GLANCE

Surry County Schools is the county's largest employer with **1,200** employees.

Our **19** schools are a great source of community pride with **11** elementary schools, **3** traditional middle schools, **1** magnet middle school, **3** traditional high schools, and **1** early college high school.

**782** volunteers donated **20,176** hours of service to our schools.

We had **8,194** students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through high school.

*Whether you think you can,  
or you think you can't ....you're right.*  
— HENRY FORD



### TITLE I SCHOOLS

Title 1 funds help provide a high-quality education for every child.

- Cedar Ridge Elementary
- Copeland Elementary
- Dobson Elementary
- Flat Rock Elementary
- Franklin Elementary
- Mountain Park Elementary
- Rockford Elementary
- Pilot Mountain Elementary
- Shoals Elementary
- Westfield Elementary
- White Plains Elementary



### STUDENT ETHNICITY

African American	2.3%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	0.1%
Asian	0.4%
Hispanic	23.8%
Multiracial	2.6%
White	70.8%



# GRADUATION 2017 & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Surry County Schools ranked **13th** of **115 school systems** in the state in Overall Academic Performance with **67.2%** of all tests in all subjects at Achievement Level 3 or higher.

Surry County Schools had **TWO End-of-Grade subject areas ranked in the TOP TEN:** 5th grade Mathematics (3rd); 4th grade Reading (8th). **SIX additional End-of-Grade subjects had rankings in the top 20:** 5th Grade Reading (12th); 5th Grade Science (12th); 4th Grade Math (13th); 6th Grade Math (13th); 3rd Grade Reading (18th); 8th Grade Math (18th).

Similarly, on the English II, Math I, and Biology End-of-Course assessments, **66.7%** of Surry County students scored at Achievement Level 3 and above, up **4.2%** from last year. Proficiencies across the state averaged 60.8 percent. As in the end-of-grade results, Surry County had an End-of-Course ranking in the state top 15: Math I (13th).

**Three schools** exceeded the rigorous state academic growth targets. **Flat Rock Elementary exceeded growth** targets this year and **Surry Early College** and **Central Middle** both **exceeded growth** targets for the *third consecutive year*. **Fourteen** additional schools met the state growth targets.

In Surry County Schools, **100%** received grades of **C or better**. The **Surry Early College High School of Design** was the only school in our area to **receive the A+ grade** from the state due to high performance, high growth, and low achievement gaps for disadvantaged students. Only **3%** of schools across the state achieved this designation.

Our students earned **3,844 college credits** during the 2016-2017 school year.



## EAST SURRY, NORTH SURRY AND SURRY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOLS

2017 GRADUATING CLASS	528
Overall GPA	3.18
Continuing Education	79%
Enrolling in 4-Year College	25%
Enrolling in 2-Year College	54%
Certificate/Diploma	0%
Entering Military	2.2%
Entering Workforce	16%
NC Academic Scholars	108 or 23%
Accepting Scholarships	143
Scholarships Awarded	\$9,719,871

## SURRY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL OF DESIGN

2017 GRADUATING CLASS	67
Overall GPA	3.41
Continuing Education	60%
Enrolling in 4-Year College	44%
Enrolling in 2-Year College	16%
Entering Military	1%
Entering Workforce	38%
Accepting Scholarships	18
Scholarships Awarded	\$370,879

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES

Surry Early College	95.2%
East Surry High	93.6%
Surry Central High	92.7%
North Surry High	85.6%

# AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- Rockford Elementary won the Piedmont Triad Consortium Signature Award.
- Dobson Elementary was named a Title I Reward School.
- Career Technical Education – 427 students were recognized for 625 credentials/certifications/awards; 377 CTE Concentrators received WorkKeys Readiness Certificates.
- ESHS FBLA had a state competitive events winner who competed at the national level.
- There were 400 art entries from grades K-12 in the annual Superintendent's Art Contest and 56 students placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.
- 95 students participated in the Elementary Battle of the Books, and Pilot Mountain Elementary won the district championship.
- 41 students participated in the Middle School Battle of the Books, and Pilot Mountain Middle won the district championship.
- 47 students participated in MathCounts.
- White Plains Elementary won the regional Sum Dog (online math) Competition.
- 129 students participated in the NC Science & Engineering Fair. 36 students advanced to the regional level; 5 won at the state level; 3 Surry Early College students advanced to the International Science & Engineering Fair.
- 112 students participated in the First Lego League. 97 students advanced to the regional level and 30 advanced to state level.
- 3 students advanced to the regional level of the NC Student Academy of Sciences competition.
- 2 students placed in state and participated at national level of the National History Day Competition.
- 32 students participated in Quiz Bowl.
- 90 drama/chorus/band students received recognition at the local and/or state level.
- The 2017 North Surry High School yearbook was inducted into the Walsworth Publishing Company Gallery of Excellence, and was named a 2017 Book of Distinction by the North Carolina Scholastic Media Association.
- JROTC – North Surry had 90 cadets and Surry Central had 159 cadets and both were awarded the Distinguished Unit Award from HQ AFJROTC; East Surry had 105 cadets and earned the Honor Unit with Distinction Award for the 32nd consecutive year, the highest award given to Army JROTC Units. ESHS JROTC earned the highest accreditation score in the state on formal inspection.
- 31 students participated in the regional Debate Competition and 18 advanced to the state competition.
- Pilot Mountain Middle had a student featured on Steve Harvey's Little Big Shots on NBC as a member of a bluegrass band.
- Pilot Mountain Middle had a student qualify for the Youth Shrine Bowl in football, and was selected by invitation to a U.S. National Team Development Game event as a Offensive Lineman.
- A Dobson Elementary student won the cover of Sax Art Supply Magazine and a two week intensive training at Gelsey Kirkland Arts Center in Brooklyn, NY.
- A White Plains Elementary student was the NC Farm to School Calendar art contest winner.
- Pilot Mountain Elementary was the recipient of ALA's 2017 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming, receiving \$5000.
- Rockford Elementary won the PYEC School Award, and the GROW Strong Team Award for fastest 5K runners.
- Meadowview Magnet Middle students earned 160 high school credits.



**PBIS** Recognition for implementation of **Positive Behavior Intervention & Support** at a high level of fidelity. Seventeen schools recognized by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI).

**GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS** Central Middle, Flat Rock Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Pilot Mountain Elementary, Pilot Mountain Middle

**MODEL SCHOOLS** Cedar Ridge Elementary, Dobson Elementary, East Surry High, Gentry Middle, Meadowview Magnet Middle, North Surry High, Westfield Elementary

**EXEMPLAR SCHOOLS** Copeland Elementary, Mountain Park Elementary, Rockford Elementary, Shoals Elementary, White Plains Elementary

## ATHLETICS

### CONFERENCE CHAMPS

**EAST SURRY HIGH —**  
Football (Tri-Champions/Walkertown/Mt. Airy)  
Volleyball  
Women's Swimming  
Softball  
Baseball (Co-Champions/Walkertown)

**NORTH SURRY HIGH —**  
Volleyball  
Men's Basketball  
Women's Basketball  
Wrestling  
Men's Swimming  
Softball

**SURRY CENTRAL HIGH —**  
Football  
Women's Tennis  
Women's Golf  
Wrestling



## NUTRITION & TRANSPORTATION

### FEEDING OUR CHILDREN

**714,090** Breakfasts served

**1,121,923** Lunches served

**99%** N.C. Health Inspection Average

**Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant Schools / 4 Schools**

Flat Rock Elementary  
Franklin Elementary  
Mountain Park Elementary  
Rockford Elementary

**Schools with Universal Free Breakfast** All 11 Elementary Schools and Meadowview Magnet Middle

**62.6%** Received free or reduced lunch

**Summer Feeding Program**

**25 Sites** operated with an average of **600 students** fed daily.

### TRANSPORTING OUR CHILDREN SAFELY

Students Transported Daily... **4,775**

Miles Traveled Daily ..... **6,858**

Gallons of Fuel used Daily... **967**

Number of Buses ..... **108**

Number of Activity Buses .... **25**

Buses with GPS ..... **108**

Buses with Cameras ..... **31**

Bus Efficiency Rating ..... **99.47%**



## ACADEMICS & DIGITAL LEARNING

### TECHNOLOGY

A district-wide coding initiative is underway with all elementary students learning basic computer programming skills this year. Next year we'll offer Computer Science Discoveries to all middle schoolers. Our teachers are earning badges and microcredentials in Digital Learning through SCS EPIC Academy, and have collectively earned over 40 full CEUs in Digital Learning.

Over **8,500** computers in schools with a **1:1.33** computer to student ratio  
**100%** of the computers are internet accessible.

**1,500** Chromebooks added in 2016

Access to **Chromebooks** for **every student grades 6-12**

Continued to add Chromebooks for elementary students

**All classrooms** have **SMART Boards** and other interactive technologies.

**Mobile carts** are available in **every school**.

With **Wi-Fi available**, the district has a **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** program.

### SURRY VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Surry County Schools provides new opportunities for students through the Surry Virtual Academy. The Surry Virtual Academy was created to provide flexible scheduling options for students to complete required high school credits in an online environment. The 23 online high school sections were created and delivered by Surry County Schools educators.

Course Enrollments **400**

Completion Rate **90.3%**

Course Pass Rate **85.6%**



### STEM INITIATIVES

With increased emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) related teaching and learning, the Surry County School District continues to be a leader among districts throughout the region and state. The following initiatives are in place funded by various sources.

- Project Lead The Way
- Computer Science Discoveries
- Haiku Learning Management System
- Required Advanced Placement Training
- College Career Ready Fairs
- Destination Imagination
- Literacy Across Disciplines
- MathCounts
- STEM Camps
- Robotics Teams



## FOUNDATION & FINANCE

### SURRY COUNTY SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Surry County Schools Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization created by a group of local business and community leaders who are passionate about education and the future of Surry County. The Board of Directors is committed to providing enhanced learning opportunities for students that will position them to be ready to compete in a global market.

The Foundation's core programs for students and teachers include:

- Enhanced Learning Mini-Grants - gives teachers the opportunity for creative and innovative learning projects with a focus on STEM education, reading achievement or the arts outside of the normal classroom funding. **\$15,000** is contributed (or budgeted) yearly.
- School Allotments - this program offsets the costs of many projects including field trips, art/music supplies, choral and band competitions, conference registration fees and more. **\$15,000** is distributed to all nineteen schools yearly.
- Professional Development Allotment - provides professional learning opportunities for teachers throughout the entire year. **\$9,500** is contributed yearly.
- STEMmersion Program - provides teachers in Surry County Schools the opportunity to spend time in local businesses learning how science, technology, engineering and math are applied in authentic situations. **\$6,000** is contributed yearly.
- Transportation Allotment - allows students to participate in field trips to the Andy Griffith Playhouse, the Earle Theater, and the Outdoor Science Institute at Meadowview Magnet Middle at no cost. **\$4,000** is contributed yearly.

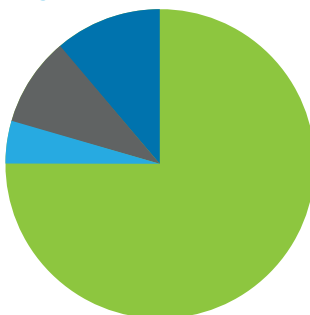
### FINANCE

Our 2016-17 operating expenditures were **\$68,505,250**.

**86%** was for salaries and benefits and **14%** was for services, materials/supplies, and other operating expenses.

### SOURCES FOR SCHOOL FUNDS

**STATE** 75%  
**LOCAL / COUNTY** 15%  
**FEDERAL** 7%  
**OTHER** 3%



## #PROMISE4ALL / SCIENCE INSTITUTE

### SCS SCIENCE INSTITUTE – FACULTY PARTICIPATION

During the 2016-2017 school year, Surry County Schools Science Institute provided professional development to 16 faculty participants in grades 3-10 in areas of Waves & Light and Forces & Motion.

### SCS SCIENCE INSTITUTE – STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Educational Programs provided by the Science Institute this past year reached 2,440 elementary and 2,099 middle school participants. This represents an increase of 47% over the last year for elementary and 15% for middle schools. This included both field experiences at the institute and programs that traveled to the schools. Our Outdoor Education Center also hosted 624 students (92% increase). During the summer STEM camps program, 61 elementary students learned about the engineering design process, while 107 middle school students took part in a variety of programs, most popular of which included Jr. Camp Med, Ecology, and Minecraft & Coding. A new program this year was Ag and Biotechnology. This program was a collaboration between high school Ag teachers and the Surry County Cooperative Extension Service. Jamie Mosley provided wonderful leadership to this program by tying the two groups together to provide middle school students experience on how much agriculture impacts our lives. Student leaders from our high schools served as Jr. Leaders for this program. Plans are already in the making for how to build upon this first collaborative venture! We worked with 2 teachers and 54 high school students to implement the use of technologies for collecting data in science.

### GRANT FUNDING

The Science Institute received \$500 in support of our Jr. Camp Med Stem Camp program from the NC Biotechnology Center. We worked with 2 elementary and 1 middle school in grant writing opportunities which provided approximately \$5,000 to each of the 3 schools. Those schools were Westfield Elementary, Pilot Mountain Elementary and Meadowview Magnet Middle. This year also marks the first year of our solar array has been in operation. We have produced 7603 Kwh of energy at a cost of \$722!

