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# Halifax County Schools

Press Release: Board Meeting Highlights



Dr. Eric Cunningham SUPERINTENDENT



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## **Employee of The Month- Human Resource Development and Management**



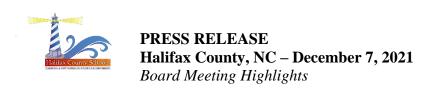
Halifax County Schools November 2021 Employee of the Month is Ms. Jodie Washington. Ms. Washington works as an EC inclusion teacher at Southeast Collegiate Prep Academy. Her duties include collaborating with students, parents, teachers, and administrators to develop specially designed instruction and ensure that the services noted are provided in accordance with the plan. Ms. Faith Boakye states that Ms. Washington is well-deserving of Employee of the Month. She works tirelessly to provide for her students' academic, social, and emotional needs. During the onset of the pandemic, Ms. Washington made a personal goal to make countless home visits, ensuring that her students were receiving accommodations and support. Ms. Washington collaborates with and supports other teachers and staff members in many capacities. Since coming to Halifax, Ms.

Washington has been an excellent advocate for her students. Ms. Washington says, "I am honored to be able to serve the students and families of Halifax County. Teaching and advocating for our students is a necessary pleasure to forge long-lasting relationships with our future leaders. I promise to continue learning and growing in my craft to help develop well-rounded citizens." Dr. Cunningham states, "We are so grateful to have Mrs. Washington a part of our team, and we appreciate everything she does for our EC scholars."

## **Student of The Month- Student Achievement**



Halifax County Schools November 2021, student of the month is Angel Pitt. Scholar Angel Pitts attends Enfield Middle STEAM Academy and is currently in the 7th grade. Ms. Angel Pitt is a nonverbal student who strives for five! Angel's favorite subject is reading. Angel was shown pictures of different classes and pointed to ELA and the image of the book. She likes to listen to books read to her. Angel's thoughts about school and being selected SOM: She pointed to the smiley face picture indicating happiness. Mr. William Morris states that "Angel earned student of the month based on grades, attitude in class, and improvement. Angel can now identify (by pointing to the correct picture) many pictures, numbers, and letters asked for, and she can point to correct shapes. She has also made improvements in tracing her name with HOH assistance. She used to pull away, but she can now remain calm and complete her tracing". Angel's mother, Ms. Pamela Pitt, attended the board meeting and accepted the award on her daughter's behalf. Ms. Pitt stated that she was proud of Angel and how far she had come. Ms. Pitt also says that she is grateful for Angel's teachers. Dr. Cunningham states, "I am so proud of Angel for all of her hard work and effort in the classroom. Continue to strive for five!"



### **Mask Mandate- (Health and Wellness)**

On December 6, 2021, the Halifax County School Board of Education approved a vote on the superintendent's recommendation for masks to be worn inside all Halifax County Schools buildings. Please adhere to the guidelines because safety is our number one priority. The Halifax County Board of Education will vote monthly on the mask mandate. The next board meeting will be held in January.