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State Board Approved Restart Application for Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools

Nashville, NC – In 2014, Nash- Rocky Mount Public Schools was designated low performing according to the North Carolina’s Assessment Program. A district turn-around process began with the appointment of a new Superintendent on January 4, 2016. The district has been engaged in a concerted effort to increase the quality of teaching and learning in the district prompting Superintendent Dr. Shelton Jefferies to apply for the Restart Program. Partners such as Communities in Schools, Participate, College Board Advance Placement and the Boys and Girls Club will aide in this process. School-embedded supports will include a Comprehensive School Improvement Framework, a Common Instructional Framework and a District Turnaround Process. Restart flexibility will address students’ ability to learn and Inquiry Centers will drive instructional practice throughout the school community. The North Carolina’s Restart Program allows some of the lowest performing public schools flexibility to make changes for the purpose of increasing student performance.

During their June meeting, the North Carolina State Board of Education approved the Restart application for Baskerville, D. S. Johnson and Englewood Elementary Schools. The innovative school reform methods will allow Williford Elementary students in grades 3 through 5 to be transferred to the above mentioned schools. Williford Elementary School will become Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Additionally, a School Based Health Clinic will be added to Williford Elementary for the 2018-2019 school year. The School Based Health Clinic will allow the district to partner with community groups such as the Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. (OIC) and the Boys and Girls Club of the Tar River Region. The four year implementation plan begins with 2018-2019 as a planning year and 2019-2020 as full implementation.

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