Gaston County Schools
Board of Education
Monday, September 16, 2024
Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

MINUTES

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC. The meeting was live on Spectrum Cable Channel 21 and The Gaston County Board of Education YouTube page. Those Board Members in attendance were: Chairman Jeff Ramsey, Vice Chairman Dot Cherry, Josh Crisp, Lee Dedmon,

Mr. Todd Hagans recognized Autumn Queen, Bannock Scott, Jozzy DaRosa, Amara Bailey, Alyssa Carpenter, Marissa LeMoine, Alexis Odell, and Sweet Win. These students are from the Gaston Early College High School and Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences, and they have been elected to serve on the Student Government Association at Gaston College for the 2024-2025 academic year. Autumn Queen will serve as president, Bannock Scott as vice president, Jozzy DaRosa as treasurer, and Amara Bailey, Alyssa Carpenter, Marissa LeMoine, Alexis Odell, and Sweet Win as senators. Their role is to foster student leadership and involvement, address student concerns, and organize social and educational activities. They work to support individual growth, promote good citizenship, build school spirit, and enhance the college's image and educational quality.

Pamela Morgenstern
412 Major Run
Cramerton, NC 28032
RE: Funding for Public Schools

Barbie Stokes
4013 Hanks Creek Lane
Belmont, NC 28012
RE: Constitution Day

Approval/Correction of Minutes – Action

Motion to adopt minutes of August 19, 2024 as presented was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mrs. Robbie Lovelace motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Houchard reported that tomorrow, Tuesday, September 17 is Constitution Day which marks the anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. We are planning to distribute a

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:48 p.m.

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[illegible] Mr. Robert Mc[illegible] [illegible] Mr. Robbie Lovelace that the [illegible] Entry into a contract with [illegible] of Cherryville (Local Government to Local Government) to engage a qualified vendor [illegible] Acceptable to Gaston County Schools to install [illegible]

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Mr. A.M. Stephens III motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

The Board Meeting [illegible] at 7:48 [illegible]

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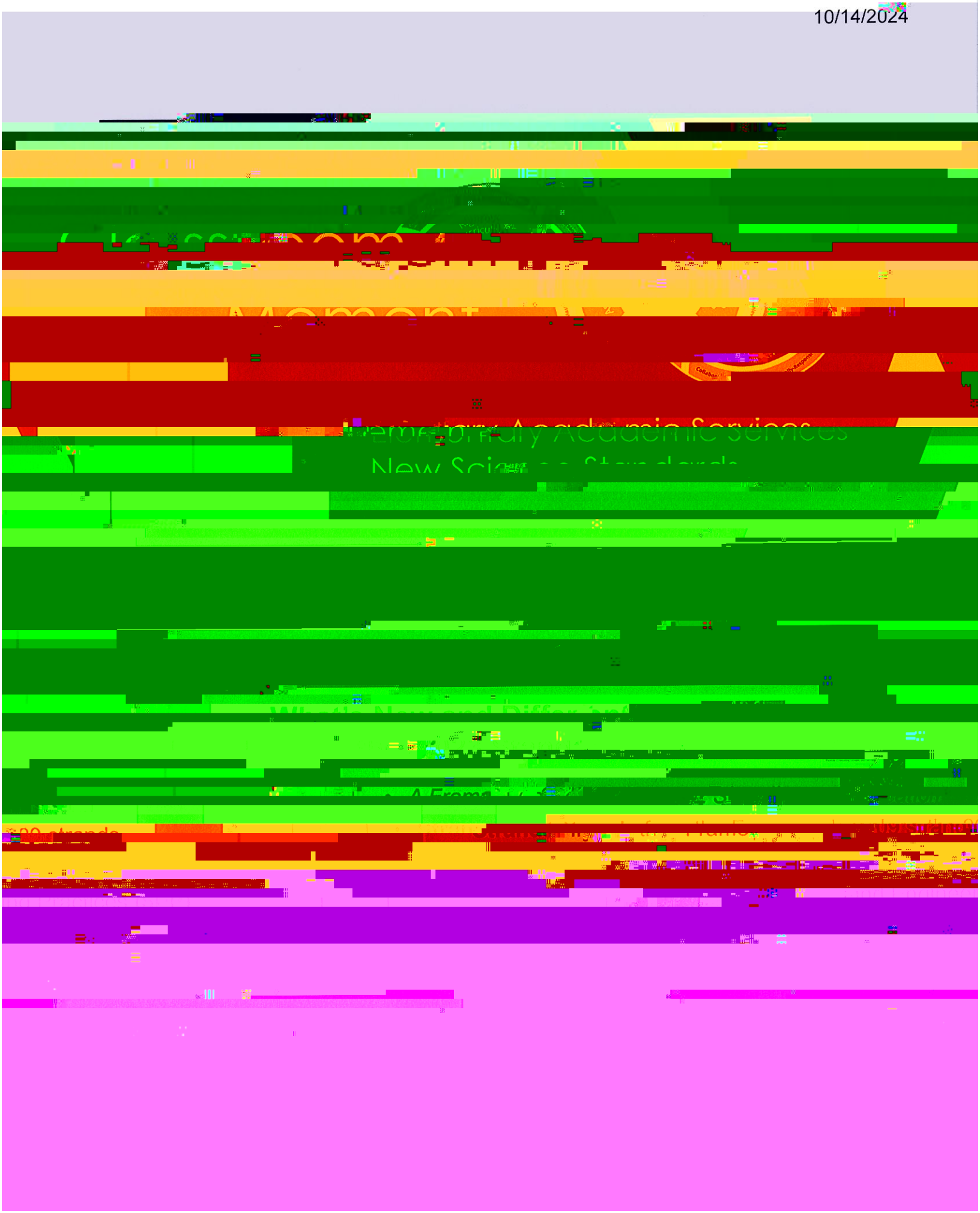

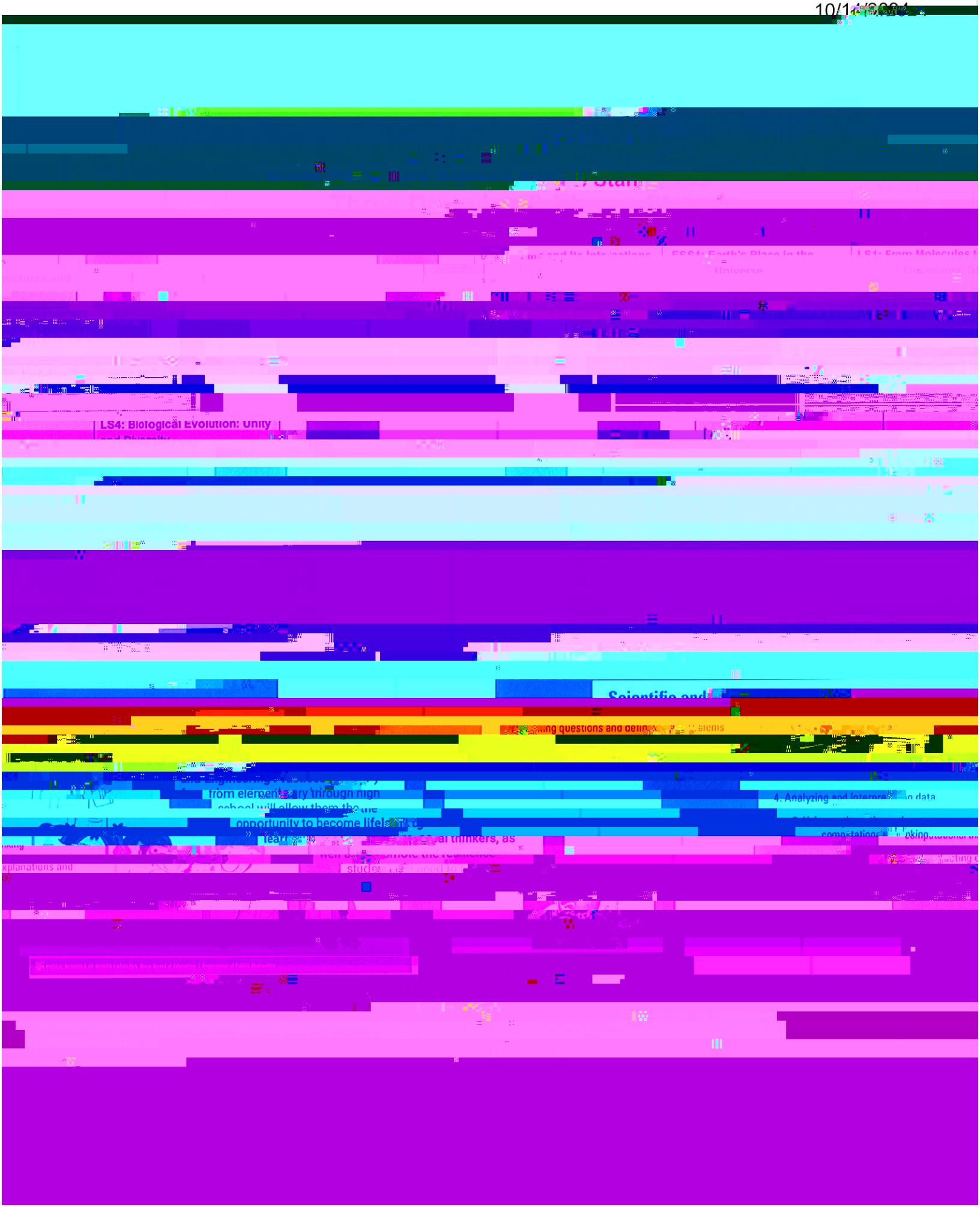
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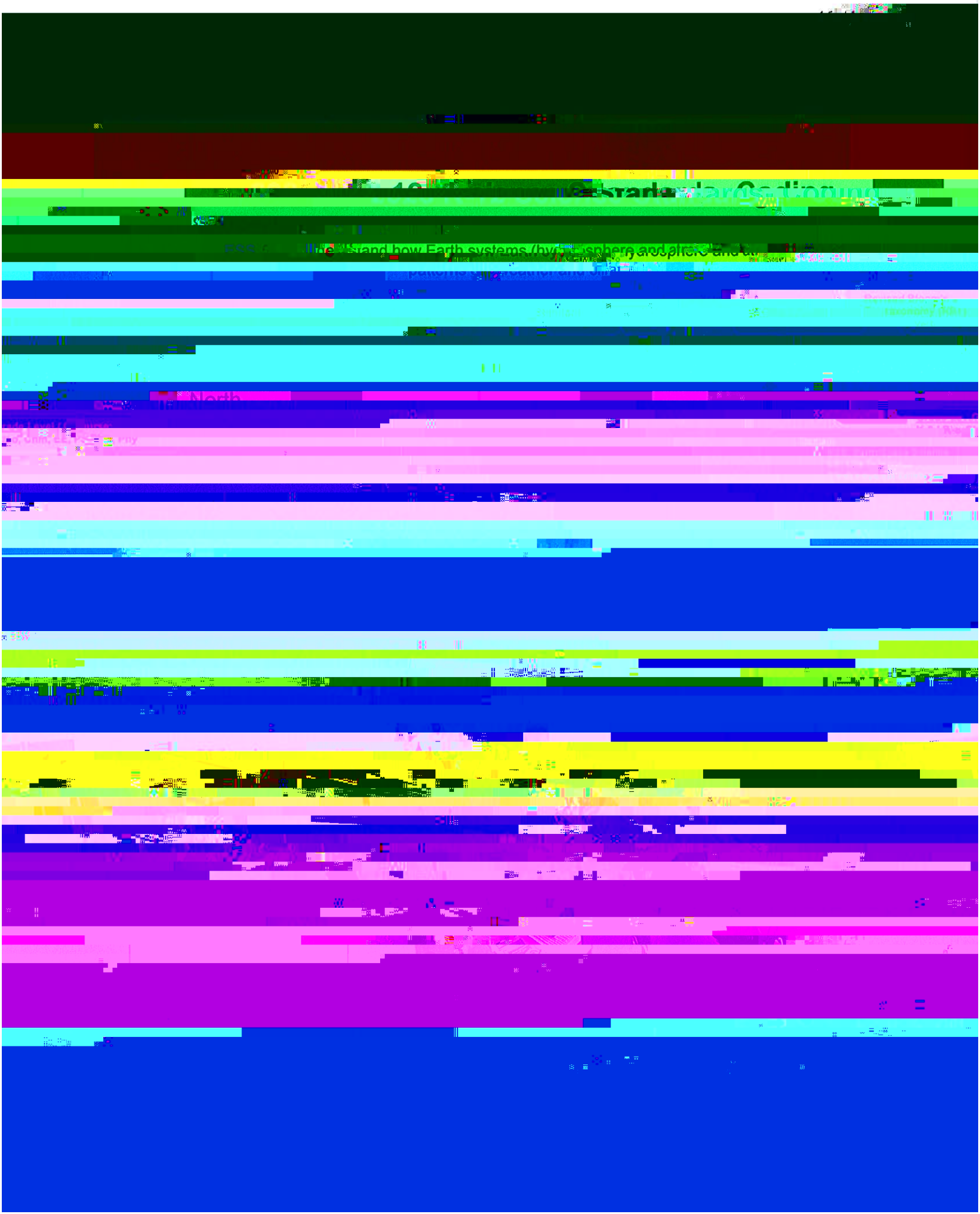

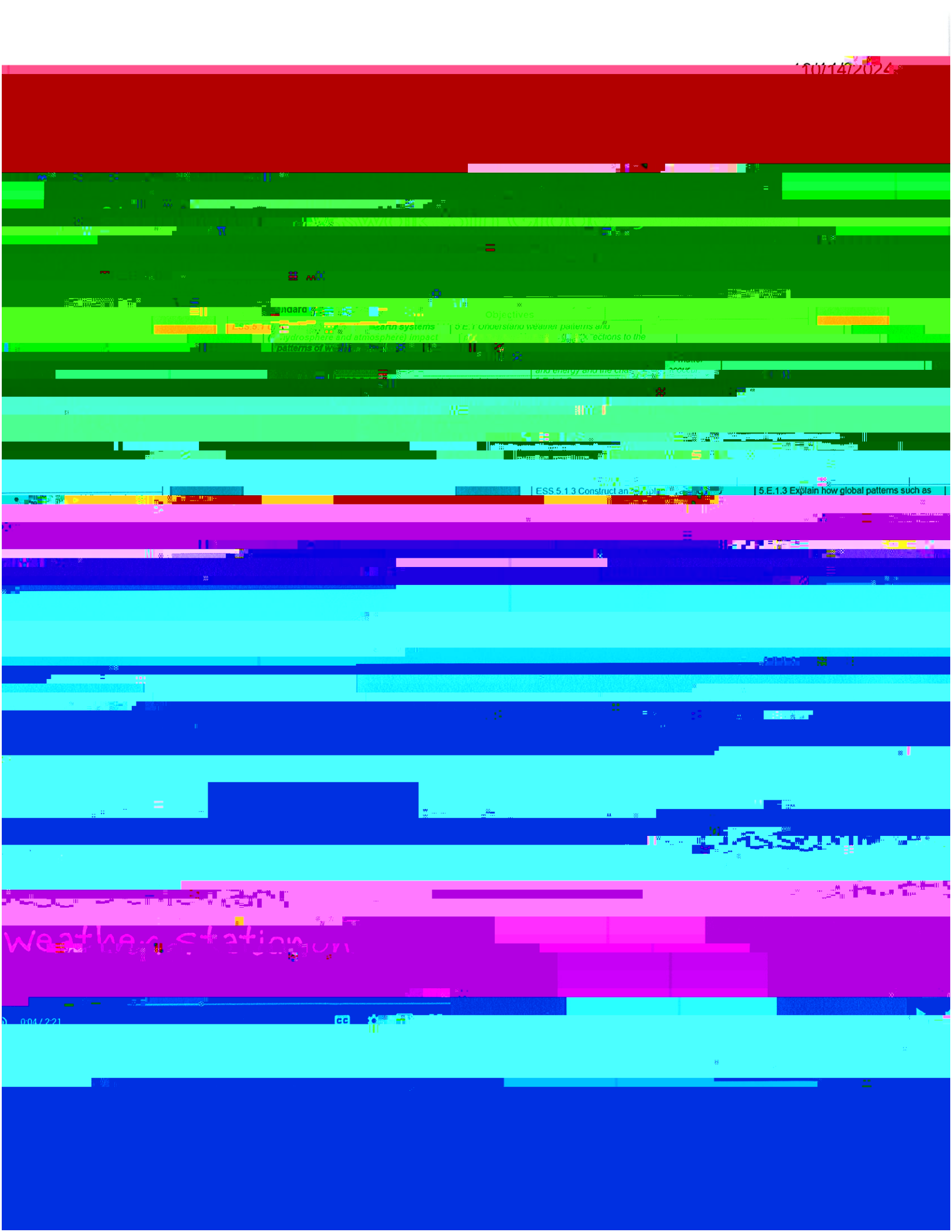
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Weather station

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Gaston County Schools
Operations Committee Report - September 9, 2024

The Operations Committee met at the Central Office Board Room on Monday,

Gaston County Schools

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Report –September 9, 2024

The Curriculum & Instruction Committee met at the Central Office Board Room on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. The committee consists of Chairman Josh Crisp, Dot Guthrie, Tod Kinlaw and Robbie Lovelace.

Our agenda and discussions included the following:

Executive Director Beth Suber provided an update on employee staffing.

Assistant Superintendent Bessie Harvey provided an update on our summer projects.

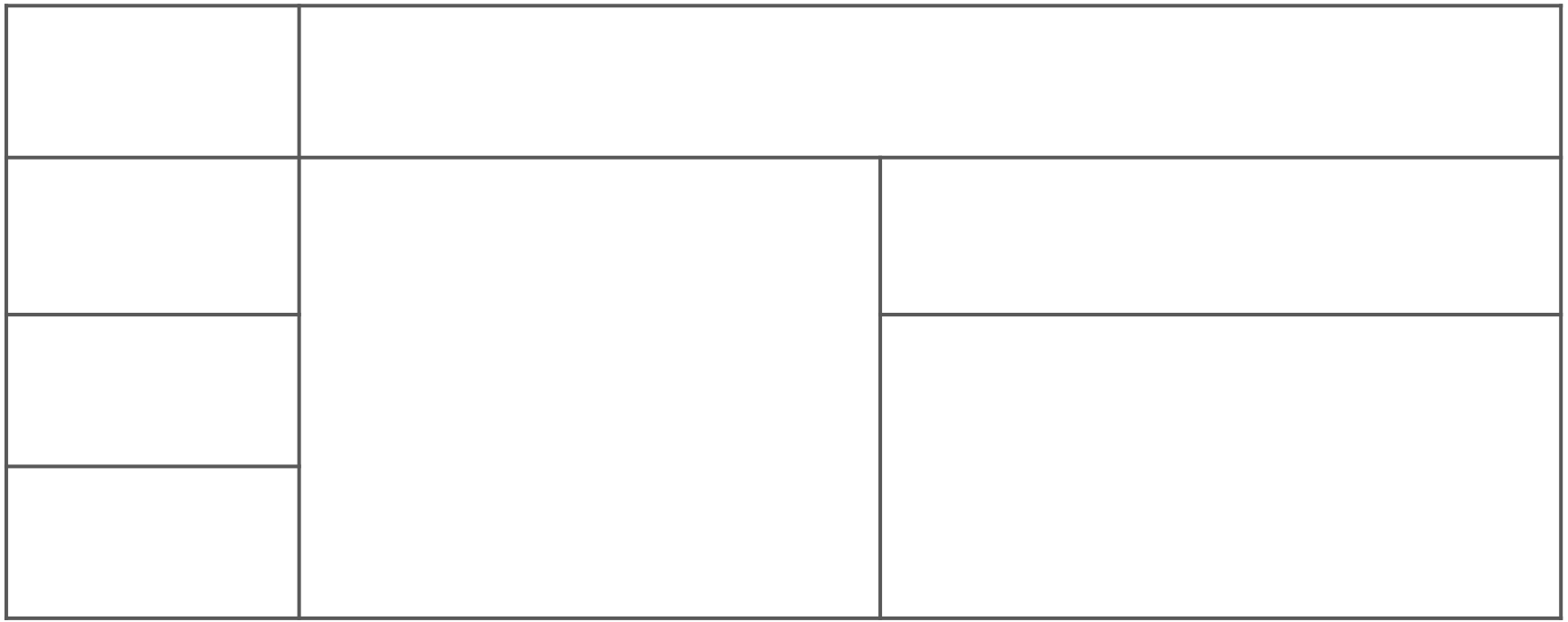
Associate Superintendent Tonya Kales reported that the Teacher Pathway Grant has been submitted and we will receive notification in December if we will receive a grant.

Michael Foust provided an update on the 2024-2025 the Local Testing Plan. This item is on the Consent Agenda.

Tonya Kales and Kelly Cunningham provided an update on the 2023-2024 State Data Results. The information will be shared during the Regular Meeting.

Executive Directors reviewed the Principal Support Tool and the K-12 Academic Pathway to

Assistant Superintendent Rebekka Powers provided an overview of student assignment,



Reading Grades 3-8 & English II

Math Grades 3-8
NC Math 1 and NC Math 3

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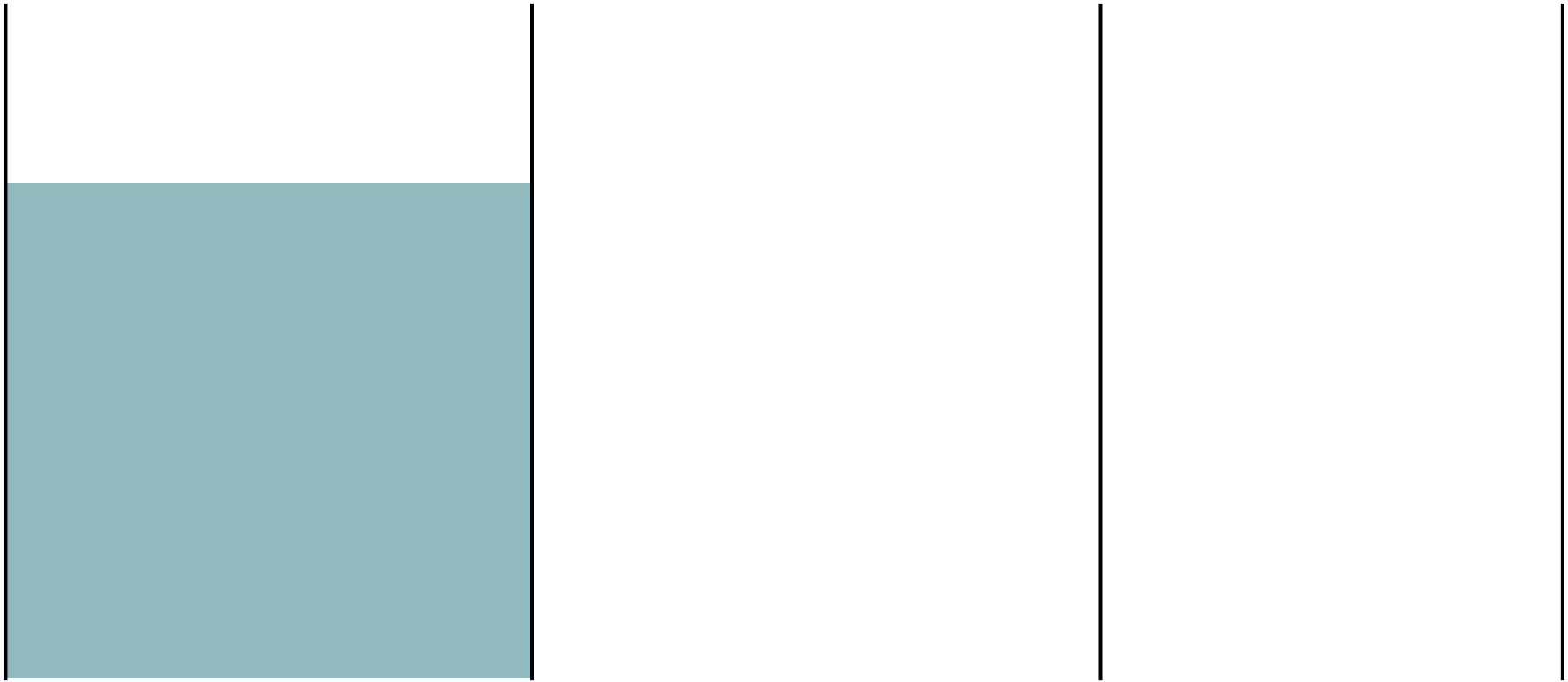
College & Career Ready (CCR)		



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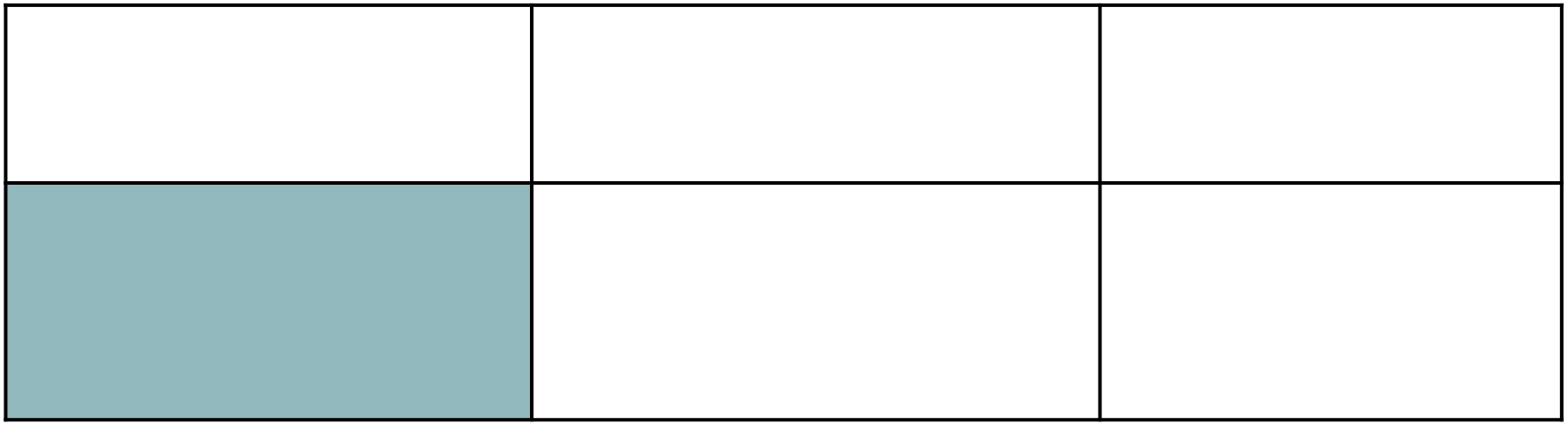
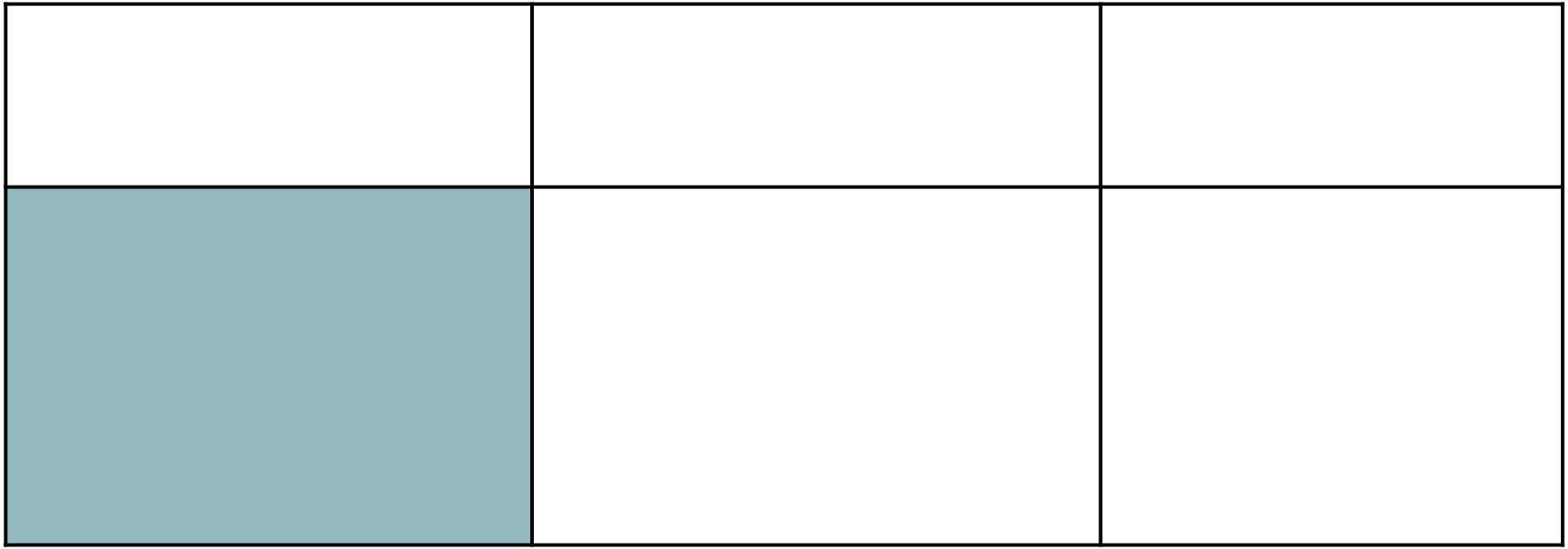


4-YEAR COHORT GRADUATION RATE



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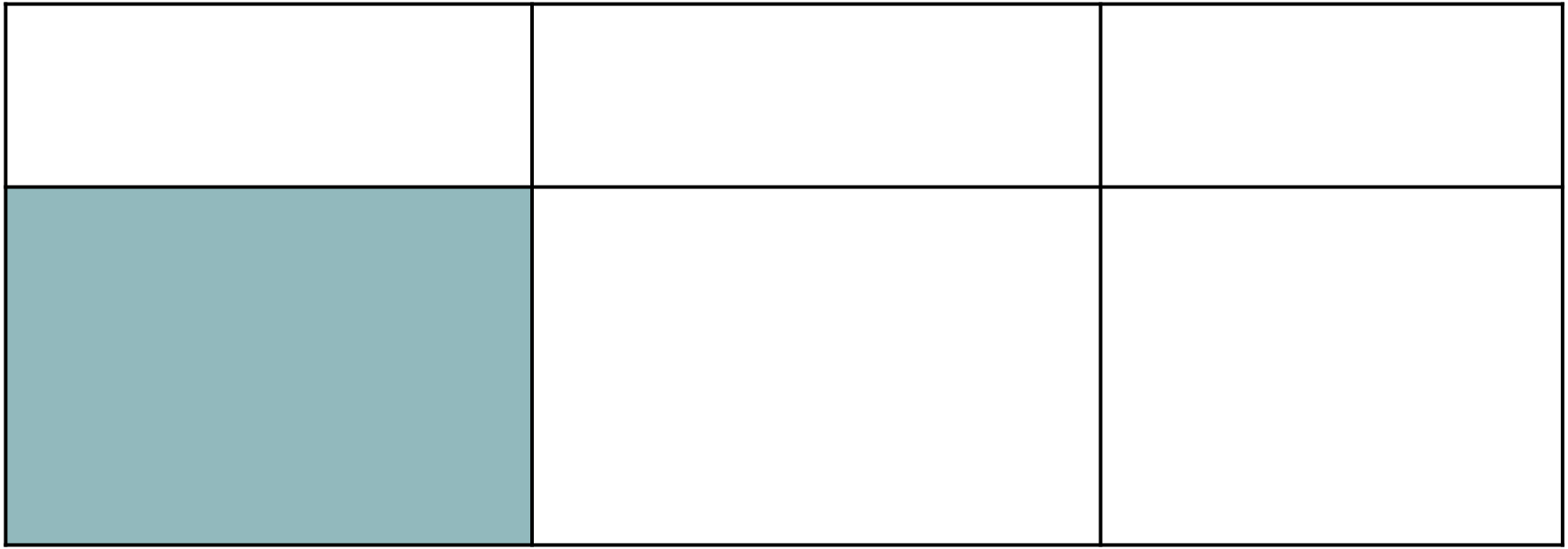

Academic Growth

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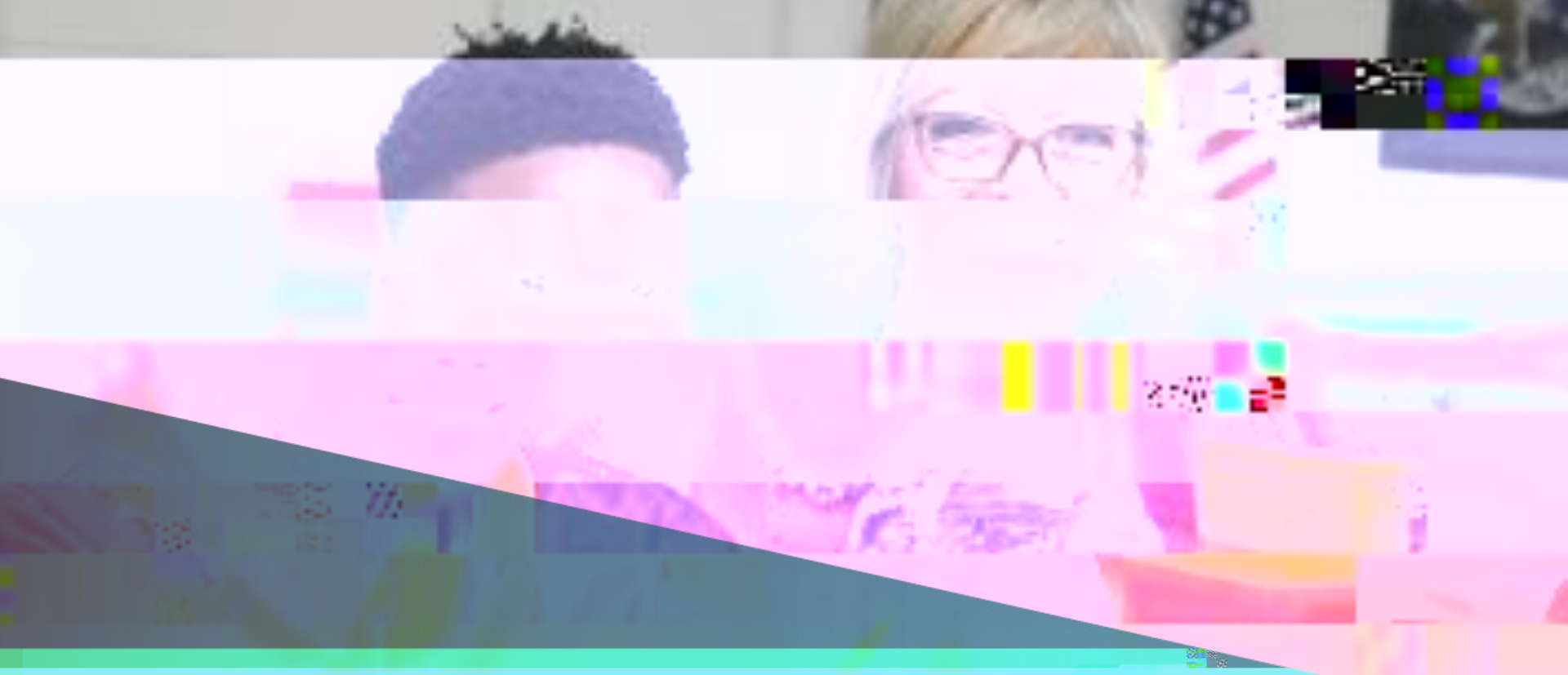
(Met or Exceeded)

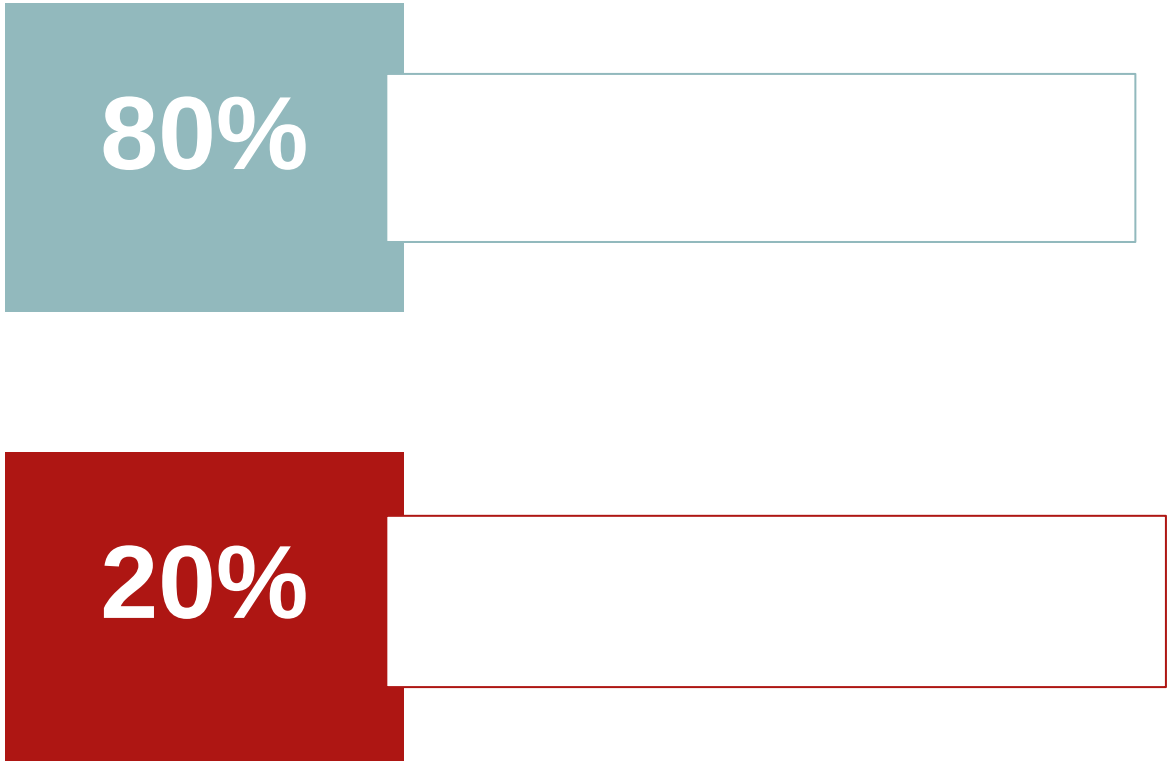
from 2022-2023

Exceeded	13 (26%)
Met	15 (29%)
Not Met	23 (45%)

Chavis Middle	Ida Rankin Elementary
Cherryville High	Lowell Elementary
Cramerton Middle	New Hope Elementary
Gardner Park Elementary	North Belmont Elementary
Gaston Early College	South Point High
Gaston Medical College	York Chester Middle
Highland School of Technology	



School Performance Grades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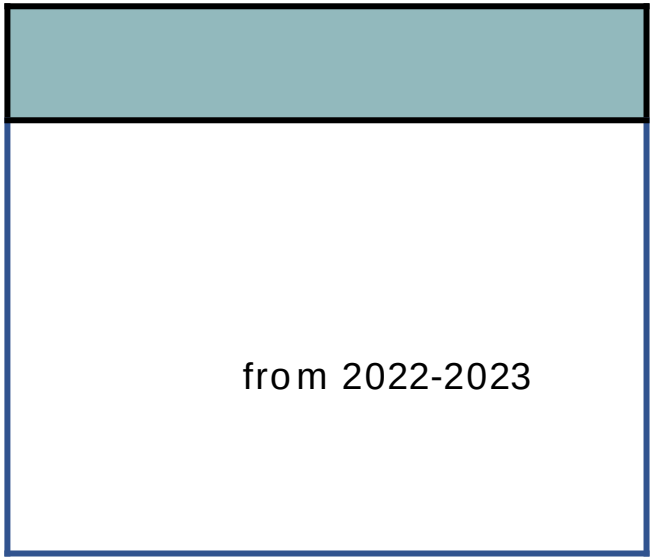
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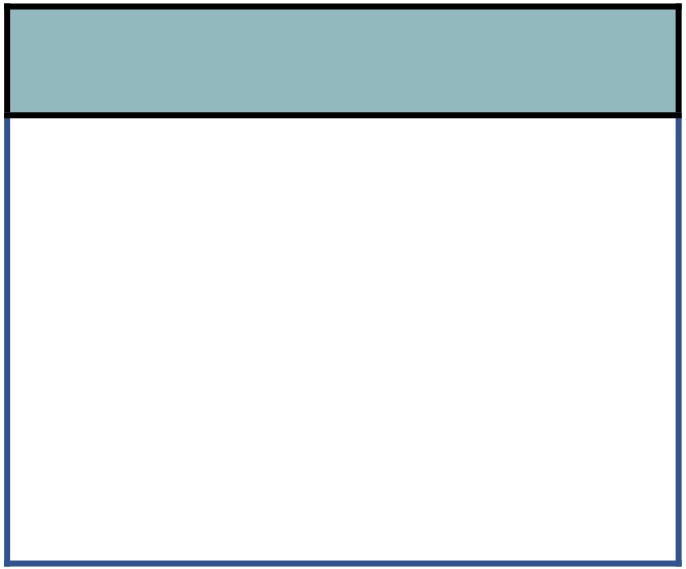


Low Performing & Non-Low Performing Schools

A school in North Carolina is considered low-performing if it receives a School Performance Grade (SPG) of D or F and a growth status of "Met" or "Not Met". The State Board of Education identifies low-performing schools annually.

Low Performing & Non-Low Performing Schools

17 Low Performing Schools	19 Low Performing Schools

3 Schools Removed from the Low Performing List

14 Schools Remained on the Low Performing List

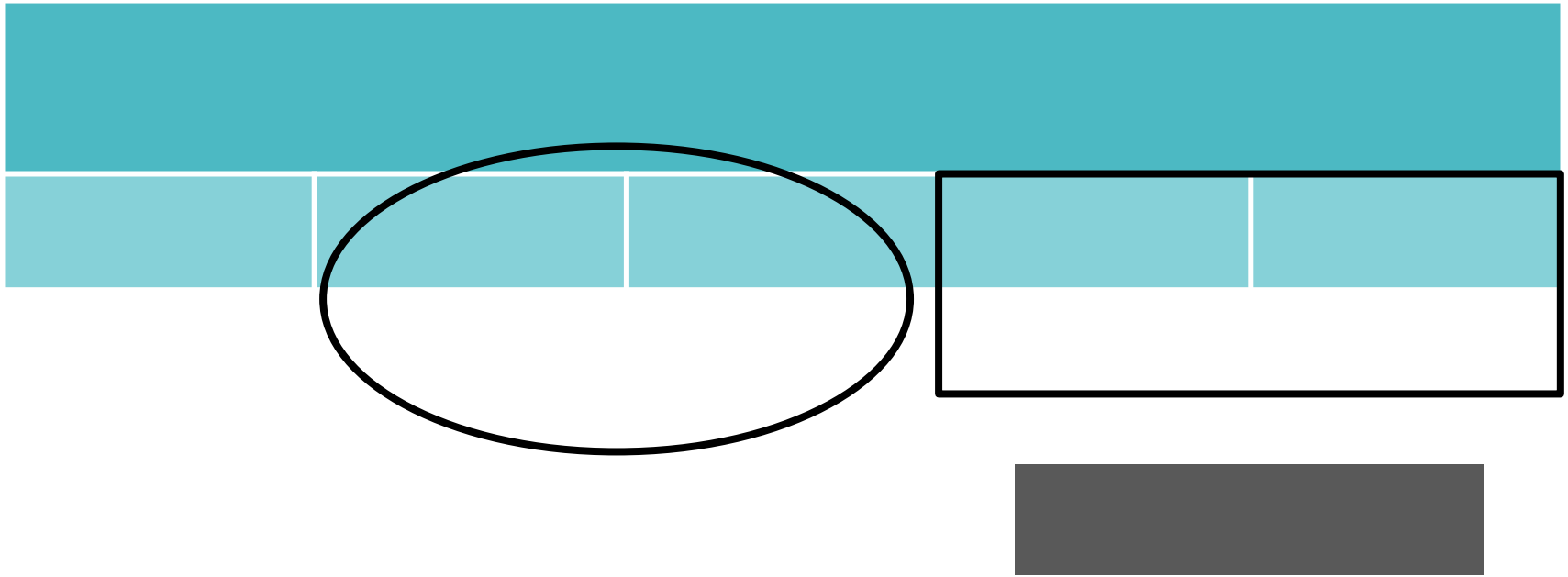
5 Schools Added to the Low Performing List

Gardner Park Elementary

Robinson Elementary

W.B. Beam Intermediate

Note: In 2023-2024, two schools had an ALT_F school grade (Warlick and Webb).



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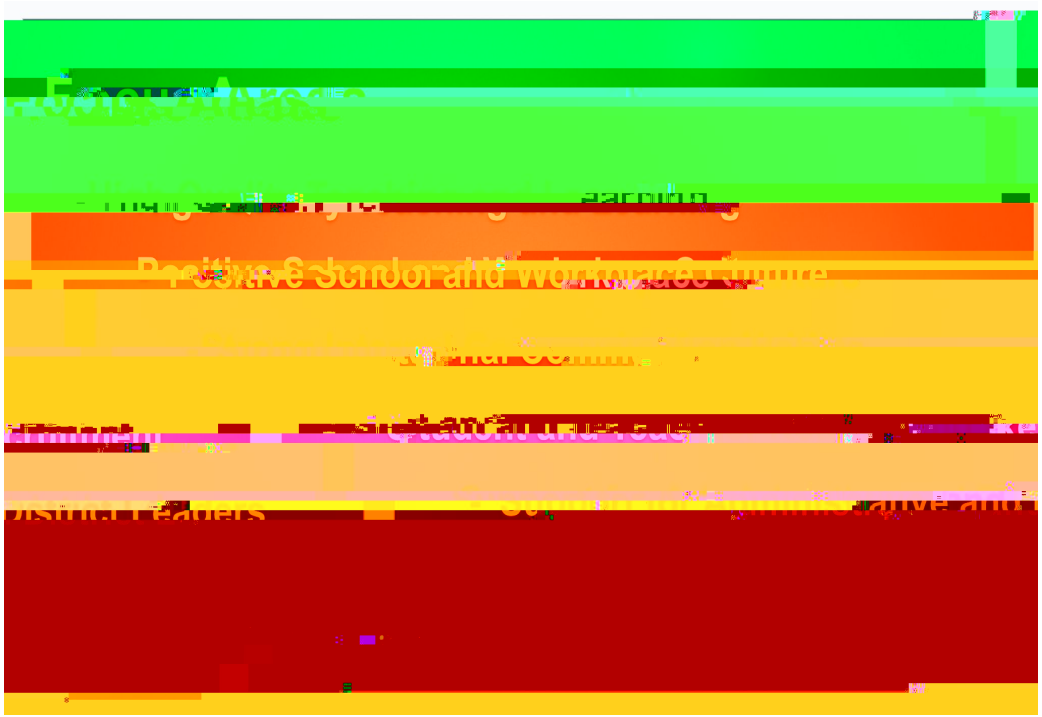

OPPORTUNITIES

- Increase the number of students that

Every GCS school deserves a **highly qualified and effective instructional leader** and ***every*** *GCS* student deserves a **highly qualified and effective teacher**

Highly Qualified and Effective Instructional Leader	Highly Qualified and Effective Teacher
ǒ 7/10 Aspiring Principals appointed for the 2023-2024 school year ● **Monthly Principal Support Tool** focused on teaching and learning ● **Monthly principal meetings focused on teaching and learning with visits to schools/classrooms** ǒ Redesigned walkthrough form and dashboard ǒ Aligned AP meetings and evaluation to the Principal meeting content ǒ Redesign of weekly Academic Services team meetings	ǒ Required administrative walkthroughs with feedback loops for development ǒ Required Content Teacher Professional Development to build collective capacity ǒ PLC support from Academic Facilitators ǒ Curriculum Scope and Sequence along with assessment tools provided by district ǒ Director of Professional Development position

Every student

Every student is **monitored closely for mastery of grade level standards and beyond,** both formally and informally**,** to increase the number of schools that meet and exceed growth targets set by the state

- Identification of **K-12 Pathways** embedded into the monthly principal support tool to monitor learning across the year
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GCS will **increase the overall school performance grades** while **decreasing the number of schools on the state low performing list**

- **Deployment of district staff** to our high needs schools to support opening of schools
- ŏ Development of LPS Advisory Board to advise and support the development of District Strategic Plan
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Discussion