

# ***Carteret County Public School System***



## ***Community Report 2011***



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# Providing schools where students learn, grow, and become

## **Superintendent's Message**

*Together we strive to make the Carteret County Public Schools excellent, and we have one focus: Providing schools where students learn, grow, and become - while immersed in a rigorous, relevant curriculum delivered in a county especially rich in marine and historical resources.*

These words introduce the Vision for the Carteret County Public School System developed by a Strategic Planning Committee made up of area business leaders, retirees, elected officials, parents and school employees. More information about the Strategic Plan is shared in this report.

This Community Report shows our school system is preparing students to become whatever they desire. The information will show our system is working effectively and getting positive results. This report provides an overview of the school system, including results of student performance and funding information.

With our successes come challenges and there are many hurdles ahead. Like all public school systems in the state and nation, securing adequate funding continues to be difficult.

Other challenges include reducing the number of students leaving school before graduating, eliminating the achievement gaps among some subgroups of students and ensuring all students are challenged academically.

With continued strong community and parent support and with the dedication of our quality employees, our school system will continue to provide the education students need to ... learn, grow, and become.

Dr. Daniel A. Novey, Superintendent  
Carteret County Public School System

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Assistant Superintendents -  
Mat Bottoms, Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Ralph Lewis, Human Resources & Accountability



### **2010-2011 At A Glance**

Total Schools: 16

Enrollment: 8,491 students in kindergarten-12th grade + 107 in pre-kindergarten = 8,598  
*(based on second month enrollment)*

Total Employees: 1,140 *(largest employer in county)*

Approximately 3,600 volunteers spend 146,830 hours helping in schools each year

Average county teacher salary: \$47,913

Percentage of teachers considered highly qualified under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act: 100%

Average kindergarten-5th grade class size: 19.7

Students on free or reduced meals: 3,561 or 41.4%

Students with disabilities: 1,228 or 14.2%

Students identified as gifted: 1,192 *(grades 4-12)* or 19.6% *(of students in those grades)*

Students identified as Limited English Proficient: 181 or 2.1%

### **Mission**

The mission of the Carteret County Public School System is to graduate all students prepared to be productive citizens.

# Providing schools where students learn, grow, and become Student Performance

The citizens of Carteret County invest in our public school system and expect each student to receive a solid education for that investment. That quality education is reflected in the achievements of students. The chart on this page reflects the proficiency of Carteret County Public School System students at various grade levels for the 2009-2010 school year.

## Student Performance Results - 2009-2010

	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY INDICATORS</b>		
Grades 3-8 Reading Proficiency	82.2%	70.1%
Grades 3-8 Math Proficiency	89.4%	81.8%
Grades 3-8 Proficiency In Both Math and Reading	78.9%	66.8%
Grades 5 & 8 Science Proficiency	86.6%	70.8%
High School End-of-Course Proficiency	90.1%	80.7%
<b>ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP)</b> <i>(Under federal No Child Left Behind, AYP measures proficiency levels within student subgroups)</i>		
Percentage of Targets Met	94.8%	91.2%
Schools Meeting AYP	100%	58.0%
District-Wide AYP	Not Met	Not Met
<b>GRADUATION RATES</b>		
Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate	84.1%	74.2%



	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>ABCs OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION</b>		
Honor Schools of Excellence <i>(90-100% proficient, made AYP)</i>	25.0%	8.1%
Schools of Excellence <i>(90-100% proficient, did not make AYP)</i>	0%	0.6%
Schools of Distinction <i>(80-89% proficient)</i>	62.5%	28.8%
Schools of Progress <i>(60-79% proficient)</i>	12.5%	39.7%
Schools Making High Growth	87.5%	52.4%
No Recognition Schools <i>(at least 60% proficient, did not meet Expected Growth)</i>	0%	12.1%
Low Performing	0%	0.6%
<b>CAREER &amp; TECHNICAL EDUCATION</b>		
Students Scoring at Top Two Levels	89.6%	80.0%

## **2010 Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) Results**

	<u>Critical Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Carteret County Average</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>1550</b>
North Carolina Average	497	477	511	1485
National Average	501	492	516	1509

# Providing schools where students learn, grow, and become Your Investment

The school system directs the overwhelming majority of your investment toward classroom services for students. This is a crucial investment that provides and supports the instructional services directed to our students.

Remaining funds are used in areas that directly impact that instruction - areas such as maintenance, utilities, technology, transportation and administration.

Total operating costs for 2009-2010 school year were \$70,626,930. Of that amount, 80% went directly to instruction, 15% funded maintenance and utilities, 2.5% was used in transportation and 2.5% funded central services support.



## 2009-2010

### Operating Budget Funding Sources

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
County	\$19,675,810	27.6 %
State	\$42,442,348	59.5 %
Federal	\$8,231,218	11.5 %
Other	\$978,193	1.4 %

### Transportation Funding Sources

**County - \$294,002**

**State - \$1,456,203**

**Total Funding - \$1,750,205**

99 buses transport about 4,061 students to and from school, and travel about 4,885 miles each day.

27 activity/vocational buses are also operated.

### Per Pupil Expenditure Rankings

The “per pupil expenditure” or “PPE” is the term used for the amount of money that is spent on each student.

To reach that figure, the total funds spent is divided by the total number of students. Every year the NC Department of Public Instruction ranks each of the 115 public school systems highest to lowest based on per pupil expenditure. For fiscal year 2009-2010, the Carteret County Public School System was ranked as follows:

<u>Sources</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>State Rank</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,486</b>	<b>55th</b>
County	\$2,336	15th
State	\$5,169	86th
Federal	\$ 981	72nd

*(Data does not include Child Nutrition or Capital Outlay expenditures.)*

### Child Nutrition Revenues

**Food Sales - \$1,823,899**

**US Dept. of Agriculture**

**Reimbursement - \$2,011,171**

**Total Revenues - \$3,835,070**

**Expenditures - \$3,735,308**

*(includes salaries, food, other costs)*

About 2,000 breakfasts, 4,900 lunches and 200 after-school snacks are served each school day.



# Providing schools where students learn, grow, and become *Your Investment*

## Facility Support Operations Investment

The Carteret County Public School System is spread across the county, operating and maintaining 20 sites and a total of **1,620,098 square feet of floor space**. The school system's buildings vary in age, with many more than 30 years old. All the money received to operate and maintain these buildings comes from the county.

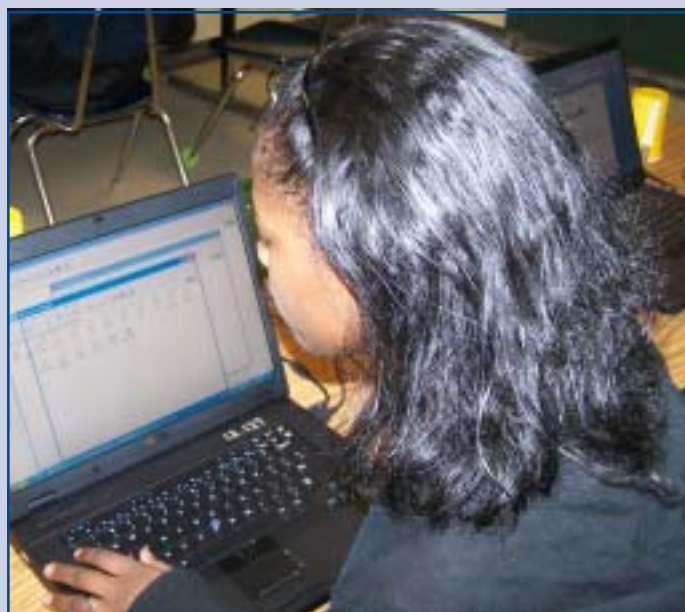
In the 2009-2010 school year, maintenance department expenses totaled \$2,243,877 or \$1.50 per square foot. Expenses for water, sewer, electricity, heating oil, garbage collection and custodial supplies were \$2,758,985. Custodial salaries and contracted custodial services were \$2,250,943.



## Technology Enhances Instruction

Technology is a vital part of a student's education. Computer skills are no longer viewed as a "plus" for students. Instead, strong technology skills are the foundation for a solid education and are necessary for the completion of many classroom assignments and job requirements. In the Carteret County Public School System students use computers and other technology devices on a regular basis.

Teacher instruction is packed with technology which leads to greater student engagement and higher student achievement. Many classrooms are equipped with interactive white boards, student response systems, data projectors, wireless slates, and document cameras designed to provide quality instruction and meet the educational needs of all students. Wireless connectivity and mobile laptop carts are available and allow teachers to quickly transform their classrooms into interactive learning environments. Access to a variety of technological devices meets the diverse needs of all learners by offering teachers the ability to reinforce difficult concepts. In addition, students have access to web-based software programs that allow them to repeat courses to recover credits or to take advanced courses that are not taught at their school. School system leaders focus on upgrading and expanding the availability of technological resources for students and teachers whenever possible. Interactive technology is in place that allows instruction at one site to be shared with students at multiple sites. This allows courses to be offered at sites regardless of the class size and saves funds.



In an effort to provide students with more access to computers, students at one school can now bring their personal laptops to class as part of a pilot project. A careful study of this project will lead to future decisions regarding the best ways to increase computer access for all students and save funds whenever possible.

## Financial Awards Received

Carteret County Public School System has received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials International for the last 20 years.

The school system has received the Certificate of Achievement in Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the US and Canada for 18 of the last 20 years.

# Providing schools where students learn, grow, and become

## **Strategic Plan - 2010-2011**

Carteret County Public School System's Strategic Plan is a living, dynamic document. The plan was developed by a team made up of a cross section of the county's citizens - parents, business leaders, elected officials, teachers, retirees, and school administrators and support staff members.

**Our Mission** - The mission of the Carteret County Public School System is to graduate all students prepared to be productive citizens.

**Our Vision** - Together we strive to make the Carteret County Public Schools excellent, and we have one focus: Providing schools where students learn, grow, and become—while immersed in a rigorous, relevant curriculum delivered in a county especially rich in marine and historical resources. This synergy of potential and commitment helps guide us as we empower our students to achieve and succeed.

Our vision is a school system that:

- Creates opportunities to learn, grow, and become by honoring a tradition of excellence and a commitment to innovation.
- Prepares the foundations for the communities of tomorrow.
- Fosters lifelong learning for all and is guided by this compass: Successful Learning — Every child, every day, excellence in every way.
- Develops communities of learners striving for excellence.
- Develops citizens who will make an impact on the future.



**Our Promise** - In an unparalleled partnership with parents, higher education, business, and communities, the Carteret County Public School System will guide students to achieve their highest potential for lifelong learning and success by:

- Implementing a rich, rigorous curriculum, focused on reading, math, science, and social studies and enhanced by the arts, health and fitness, and the humanities to build strong minds and bodies.
- Guaranteeing a variety of opportunities to acquire knowledge and skills both in and out of the classroom to make students college and career ready upon graduation.
- Attracting and retaining dynamic professional and support staff who inspire and cultivate excellence.

## **Bonds Provide For Improvements**

Over the last five years, schools throughout the county received facility improvements, all funded through two school bonds totaling \$50 million. Projects addressed health and safety issues for students and staff, and replaced older mobile units with actual classrooms. All bond work should be completed by the fall of 2011. New construction projects included classroom additions, classroom buildings, a school bus service bay and an auditorium. The bond proceeds also modified systems to improve humidity controls and ventilation; repaired or replaced roofs, doors and windows; air conditioned gyms and upgraded sewer systems.

Three Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs), which are zero-interest bonds, for renovations were received by the system over the last six years. The system also received a Qualified School Construction Bond for renovations.

## **Foundation Created**

The Carteret County Public School Foundation was created in the fall of 2010 at the request of several individuals wishing to donate funds. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation led by a community-based Board of Directors. The Foundation was formed to promote academic excellence and achievement by students, excellence in teaching by faculty members, and educational advancements in the Carteret County Public School System.

Donations to the Foundation can be designated or undesignated by the donor. For information about the Foundation, call 252-728-4583, ext. 137.

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## **Strategic Plan Goals**

### **Goal I - Schools will produce globally competitive students**

1. Provide class size conducive to learning.
2. Provide a comprehensive curriculum that is rigorous and relevant.
3. Provide a support system that meets the needs of all students.
4. Ensure students are proficient in a digital society.
5. Provide a wide range of activities that promote and celebrate student achievement.
6. Collaborate with community colleges and other institutions to provide additional curriculum and enrichment.
7. Make curriculum offerings available to all students and encourage students to stretch their learning.

### **Goal II - Schools will be led by 21st Century professionals**

1. Recruit a diverse team of highly qualified teachers, staff and administrators.
2. Retain a diverse team of highly qualified teachers, staff and administrators.
3. Support the research-based growth of teachers, staff and administrators so they can deliver 21st Century skills.
4. Use Professional Learning Communities to discuss and use data to improve instruction and school environments.

### **Goal III - Students will be healthy and responsible**

1. Provide a safe and orderly environment that is inviting, respectful, supportive and inclusive.
2. Provide a learning environment designed to promote a healthy lifestyle for students and employees.
3. Promote extracurricular activities for the development of the whole child.
4. Provide nutritional meals.



### **Goal IV - Leadership will guide innovation**

1. Increase and improve partnerships and cooperation with the following: Government, business, and community entities; Students; Families; and School organizations.
2. Promote strong collaborative networks with parents, faith-based organizations, and community resources that embrace the community partnership commitment for public education.
3. Embrace a culture of continuous school improvement.

### **Goal V - Schools will be governed and supported by 21st Century systems**

1. Promote and maintain efficient management and operations across the school system.
2. Demonstrate accountability for all budgeted and expended funds.
3. Maintain technology and upgrade to keep pace with 21st Century skills.
4. Align resources with system needs and state and federal mandates.
5. Have procedures in place that support continuous school improvement and use data to work with schools not meeting mandates.
6. Maintain facilities and strategically plan for future needs.

(View the entire Strategic Plan at [www.carteretcountyschools.org](http://www.carteretcountyschools.org))

## **Saving Funds Pays Off**

Conservation efforts continue as a way to save funds and to model good stewardship for students. Recycling programs are in place, recycled items are purchased when more economical, and electrical devices are automatically turned off when not in use. The school system uses energy management control systems for many buildings, updates equipment as needed with energy efficient items, and monitors building energy use.

Teachers are urged to have regular attendance which saves money budgeted for substitute teachers.

## **2010-2011 Employees of the Year**

**Principal of the Year - Terrie Beeson,  
Bogue Sound Elementary School**  
**Assistant Principal of the Year - DeeDee Phillips,  
Beaufort Elementary School**  
**Teacher of the Year - Callie Smith,  
Bogue Sound Elementary School**  
**Certified Employee of the Year - Laranda Taylor,  
Harkers Island Elementary School**  
**Classified Employee of the Year - Connie Dickinson,  
East Carteret High School**

## Your schools at a glance

**Atlantic Elementary**, grades pre-kindergarten - 8

550 School Dr., Atlantic, 28511

phone 252-225-3961

**Beaufort Elementary**, grades pre-kindergarten - 5

110 Carraway Dr., Beaufort, 28516

phone 252-728-3316

**Beaufort Middle**, grades 6 - 8

100 Carraway Dr., Beaufort, 28516

phone 252-728-4520

**Bogue Sound Elementary**, grades pre-kindergarten - 5

3323 Hwy 24, Newport, 28570

phone 252-393-1279

**Broad Creek Middle**, grades 6 - 8

2382 Hwy 24, Newport, 28570

phone 252-247-3135

**Croatan High**, grades 9 - 12,

#1 Cougar Lane, Newport, 28570

phone 252-393-7022

**East Carteret High**, grades 9 - 12

3263 Hwy 70 East, Beaufort, 28516

phone 252-728-3514

**Harkers Island Elementary**, grades kindergarten - 8

1163 Island Rd., Harkers Island, 28531

phone 252-728-3755

**Morehead City Elementary**, grades 4 - 5

3316 Arendell St., Morehead City, 28557

phone 252-726-1131

**Morehead City Middle**, grades 6 - 8

400 Barbour Rd., Morehead City, 28557

phone 252-726-1126

**Morehead City Primary**, grades pre-kindergarten - 3

4409 Country Club Rd., Morehead City, 28557

phone 252-247-2448

**Newport Elementary**, grades pre-kindergarten - 5

219 Chatham St., Newport, 28570

phone 252-223-4201

**Newport Middle**, grades 6 - 8

500 E. Chatham St., Newport, 28570

phone 252-223-3482

**Smyrna Elementary**, grades pre-kindergarten - 8

174 Marshallberg Rd., Smyrna, 28579

phone 252-729-2301

**West Carteret High**, grades 9 - 12

4700 Country Club Rd., Morehead City, 28557

phone 252-726-1176

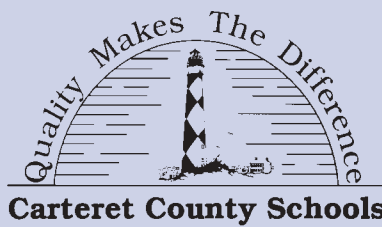
**White Oak Elementary**, grades pre-kindergarten - 5

555 W.B. McLean Blvd., Cape Carteret, 28584

phone 252-393-3990

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