

During the regular Board of Education meeting on Monday, October 25, the board recognized the teachers of the year, paraprofessionals of the year and principal of the year for 2021-2022. Those honored are listed below:

Anson County Schools Teacher of the Year: Eric Howell
Principal of the Year: Chris Stinson, Anson High School
Teachers of the Year:

- Tracy Small, Anson County Early College
- Courtney Morton, Anson High School
- Eric Howell, Anson Middle School
- Megan Randall, Ansonville Elementary School
- Rebecca Tolson, Lilesville Elementary School
- Bonita Langley, Morven Elementary School
- Jenni Blackwell, Peachland-Polkton Elementary
- Carli Gibson, Wadesboro Primary School
- Georgetta Williams, Wadesboro Elementary School

Paraprofessionals of the Year:

- Ericka Chaney, Anson County Early College
- Melissa Hildreth, Anson High School
- Sandra Spencer, Anson Middle School
- Lillian Maner, Ansonville Elementary School
- Brittany Jacobs, Lilesville Elementary School
- Ethel Hall, Morven Elementary School
- Laura Laney, Peachland-Polkton Elementary
- Cindy Heafner, Wadesboro Primary School
- Sharolyn Carpenter, Wadesboro Elementary



Teachers of the Year



Chris Stinson with Howard McLean



Paraprofessionals of the Year

Anson Economic Development Partnership's New Business Updates

This is a release from the Anson Economic Development Partnership (AnsonEDP): Out and about again on Wednesday, October 27 in the county.

- **Big Toys Direct** has a crew working at their Wadesboro facility. They will not be starting operations there until 2022, but they have some folks in town getting the building ready.
- **Dollar General** broke ground last week at their newest Anson County location at the intersection of U.S. 74 and U.S. 52 North (pictured bottom right). They are currently preparing the site and should begin construction on the building in December for a Spring 2022 opening.

- The new **Dunkin' / T-Mobile** store is nearing completion (right). The outer building is finished and workers are outfitting the interior for a planned November opening.



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Governor Cooper Provides Positive Update on State's COVID-19 Trends, Encourages Vaccination

COVID-19 booster shots are now available for more North Carolinians

On October 27 Governor Roy Cooper and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D. provided an update on the state's COVID-19 key metrics and trends.

"We are grateful to see this latest surge in COVID-19 taper off," said Governor Cooper. "And as we try to drive down our numbers, we know what works. Vaccines. The more people who get their shots, the less COVID we'll have."

COVID-19 vaccine booster shots are now available for more North Carolinians. The Food and Drug Administration has authorized, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now recommend Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 booster shots to help strengthen and extend protections against COVID-19 infections. Pfizer-BioNTech (COMINARTY) booster shots have been available since Sept. 24.

"I am encouraged to see that every day more people are making the decision to get vaccinated," said Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D. "Getting vaccinated is a powerful action you can take to protect your health, to protect your loved ones, and to help end this pandemic at last."

To date, North Carolina has administered over 11.5 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, with 66 percent of the adult population fully vaccinated. 71 percent of adults have received at least one dose of the vaccine, including 92 percent of North Carolinians 65 and over.

Vaccines may be available for younger children as early as the end of next week. Yesterday, the independent advisory panel to the Food and Drug Administration recommended the use of Pfizer's vaccine in children 5 to 11 years. Once the CDC completes its review process, there will be ample vaccine supply across the state. More than 750 locations are preparing to provide vaccines to this age group, including doctors' offices, pharmacies, local health departments, community vaccination events and family vaccination sites.

The CDC recommends boosters for everyone who received the Johnson & Johnson shot more than 2 months ago. Boosters are also recommended for people who received the Moderna or Pfizer shot more than 6 months ago if you are 65 or older, if you are 18 or older and have a medical condition that puts you at higher risk or if you live or work in a setting that puts you at higher risk for exposure to COVID-19.

More information about COVID-19 vaccine boosters and additional doses is available on NCDHHS's website: [covid19.ncdhhs.gov](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid19). For more information about COVID-19 vaccines in North Carolina or to find a vaccine location, visit [MySpot.nc.gov](https://www.nc.gov/MySpot) or call the state's COVID-19 Vaccine Help Center for free at 888-675-4567.



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On Saturday, October 30 many uptown Wadesboro businesses, organizations and churches around the county hosted a trick or treating event for our youth. Wadesboro's streets were filled with creatively costumed kids who enjoyed the fun-filled evening. And the grown ups had lots of fun too!