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Letter from Superintendent Howard E. McLean

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members:

First, let me thank you for your support and understanding as we, as a nation and community, responded to the unexpected invasion of COVID-19 in March. I am very proud of the way our Anson County School District (ACSD) students, parents, employees and community leaders handled the demands we were faced with to protect everyone as we continued to educate and feed our students during the most unusual of circumstances. As you know, there continues to be concerns and questions related to the upcoming school year. While we are in the business of educating, our first priority is the safety of our students and our employees. None of us have ever navigated through a worldwide pandemic; we have never experienced anything like this in our lifetimes. However, our focus remains on supporting, educating and empowering children in a safe and nurturing environment.

As we prepare to return to school in an online setting, an essential priority is the health and safety of students, faculty and staff. Our district has formed task forces and are utilizing a number of resources to follow a detailed remote learning plan. Additionally, delaying the implementation of Plan B (Blended Face-to-Face and Remote Instruction) will provide more opportunities for us to watch coronavirus trends in Anson County and prepare to tackle the challenges of executing such a model that includes guidance from Governor Cooper's office, Public Health Officials, the NC Department of Public Education and the State Board of Education.

As you can imagine, there is much detail, reflection, consideration, and unanticipated expense as health and safety aspects provide the focus for continued learning and growth for all students. Flexibility continues to be the mantra in following a remote learning plan as changes are often revealed from key agencies on a day-by-day basis. School officials are assessing the schools' readiness regarding technology and upgrades to school infrastructure, as well as the need for additional devices and materials. Faculty members are engaged in continuous learning and professional development during the summer months. The goal is to deliver instruction to meet the needs of students in a virtual reality as the effects of COVID-19 become more widespread and virulent. Remote instruction will be delivered to all students for the first nine weeks and three days (August 17 until October 16, 2020). Administration and the Board of Education will continue discussing plans for returning to in-person instruction in the future, and they will share an update in September.

Spirits remain high. Our administrators, faculty and staff are committed to providing an exceptional education for all students. They are committed and dedicated individuals who know the benefits of hard work to provide the best educational environment for your child(ren).

Support from every community member is needed as our students experience learning differently and as they internalize knowledge, one lesson at the time, during the 2020-21 school term. Community members can support us by being an encourager and positive advocate for our schools. As North Carolina continues to face difficult budget challenges, we must remain strong and steady as educators and community members to provide our children with a bright future that can be attained as a result of learning. Anyone can promote a negative outlook – yet those with wisdom and strong character can always find the positive in challenging times. We will find the positive so our children will benefit as we move forward.

Thank you for choosing the Anson County School District to educate your child(ren). Our commitment continues to provide an exceptional educational experience to enrich the lives of our students and where we work to ensure that we are a district "Where Greatness Grows" in each student we serve!

Sincerely, Howard E. McLean, Ed.S., Superintendent of Schools



Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates

All Regular Board Meetings (with the exception of the December meeting, the Annual Budget Development Workshop in April, and the June meeting) will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Any changes in time will be posted on the Anson County Schools website:

ansonschools.org and will be posted on the doors at the Board of Education District Office.

Meetings will be held at the Board of Education Office, which is located on 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro, unless otherwise noted.

- August 31, 2020
- September 28, 2020
- October 26, 2020
- November 23, 2020
- December 14, 2020
Meeting begins at 3:30 p.m.
- January 25, 2021
- February 22, 2021
- March 29, 2021
- April 20, 2021
Budget Development Workshop 3:30-5:30 p.m. (Additional dates to be determined if needed.)
- April 26, 2021
Regular meeting
- May 17, 2021
- June 28, 2021
Meeting begins at 3:30 p.m.



ANSON COUNTY SCHOOLS 2020-2021 SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Visit our website at www.ansonschools.org for a supply list for your child's school!

Kindergarten – 5th Grade Supply List

Kindergarten Supplies Needed Now:

- 3-Subject Notebook
- Headphones (no earbuds)
- Handheld White Board
- Dry Erase Markers
- Pencils

Kindergarten Supplies Needed Later:

- Rectangular Pink eraser (Such as PaperMate)
- Pencil Box
- Glue Sticks
- Change of clothes

All K-5 Supplies Needed Later:

- Bookbag (without wheels/rollers)
- #2 Wooden (yellow) pencils (decorative pencils are more difficult to sharpen and may cause damage to the pencil sharpener)
- Ear buds/Headphones

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades

- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Rectangular Pink Eraser (Such as PaperMate)
- Highlighter
- Colored Pencils/Crayons
- Pencils

4th and 5th Grades

- College-ruled notebook paper
- Highlighter
- 5th Grade Only: 3 Composition Books (not spiral bound)
- Pencils

Kindergarten – 5th Grade additional items that would be helpful for all students to have at home:

- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue Stick

Anson Middle School 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Supply List

Supplies Needed Now:

- 5 1 Subject Notebooks (one for each class)
- 1 Three Ring Binder
- 2 packages of Loose Leaf Paper
- 1 package of #2 pencils
- 1 package of blue or black ink pens
- 1 package of graph paper
- 1 pack of colored pencils
- 1 pack of assorted highlighters
- Pencil/pen holder with zipper (3 ring)

Supplies Needed Later:

- 1 Flash Drive
- Dry erase markers for in class instruction
- Boxes of Kleenex Tissues for in class instruction



Anson Academy Anson High School Supply List

Supplies Needed Now:

- 3 GB Flash Drive
- Headphones/Earbuds
- Pencils
- Paper
- Pens

Supplies Needed Later:

- Clear Bookbag (Anson Academy Only)
- #2 Pencils
- Black/Blue Pens
- Folders
- Spiral Bound or Composition Notebooks
- Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
- College Ruled Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
- Graph Paper (Math Classes)
- Highlighters

*Most supplies will be specified by individual teachers.

Anson Early College High School Supply List

Supplies Needed Now:

- 1 – 2" 3 Ring Binder
- College Ruled Paper
- 4 Composition Notebooks
- Folder
- Graph Paper
- Pens
- Pencils
- Highlighters

Supplies Needed Later:

- Headphones
- 2 GB Flash Drive

*Most supplies will be specified by individual teachers.

Bearcat Battalion Bulletin - Summer 2020

The Bearcat Battalion enjoyed a great school year and are eagerly awaiting the start of another. We are excited to bring the Anson High JROTC Cadets a new, high-quality curriculum, tailored for distance learning. We look forward to serving the Cadets and the community in the upcoming year!

JROTC Cadre: The Bearcat Battalion welcomes back for his fourth year, Sergeant First Class (Retired) Shane Zelker. SFC (R) Zelker served in a myriad of leadership positions throughout his 22 years of Army service, including assignments CONUS and overseas.

We welcome Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) John Gagan. LTC (R) Gagan began his JROTC career last January, when he assumed the position of Senior Army Instructor. He retired from Fort Jackson, SC as the Army Training Center Inspector General in 2019, after 23 years of service.

College acceptance: The Bearcat Battalion is proud to announce the 2020 Anson senior JROTC Cadets that have received college acceptance letters! The following Cadets were accepted to: Cadet Kimyatta Jackson, Tuskegee University and Johnson C. Smith University; Cadet Madison Lassiter, South Piedmont Community College and Livingstone College; Cadet Bianca Liles, Johnson C. Smith University; Cadet Rickasia Liles, North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University and Winston Salem State University; Cadet Zach Mabe, Louisburg College; Cadet Desmond Wall, Livingstone College; and Cadet Bryce Wilson, South Piedmont Community College. Congratulations and good luck in furthering your academic pursuits!

Scholarship Awardees: Congratulations to the top two Senior Bearcat Battalion Cadets, earning scholarships to help further their academic endeavors! The winners were selected based on their academic performance, leadership and community service. Both Cadets were heavily involved in their school and communities.

The battalion commander, Cadet Colonel Bryce Wilson, will receive over four-thousand dollars in scholarship monies. He was awarded the following scholarships: Braswell Ambassador Scholarship, Wadesboro Rotary Club Scholarship, National and Chapter 4 Woodman Life Scholarship, and South Piedmont Community College scholarships.

The battalion executive officer, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Bianca Liles, will receive over five-thousand dollars in scholarship monies. She was awarded the following scholarships: Military Officers Association of America Scholarship, the Fannie Powell Scholarship, the Shaundasia Little Scholarship, Holla Maey E. Little Scholarship, Alfred Bennett Scholarship, and Alpha Pi Chi award.

In the Army now! Congratulations to Cadet Jarvis Johnson on his enlistment into the U.S. Army! Jarvis enlisted as a Military Policeman, and will attend training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Army Strong, Bearcat Strong!!

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