

Joint Press Release from Mr. Martin Wright and Dr. Ronald Wilcox

NAME CHOSEN FOR NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hampton School District One and Hampton School District 2 met in a joint meeting on December 10, 2019 at North District Middle School. The two boards of trustees selected Dr. Zona Jefferson to serve as consolidation facilitator. Dr. Jefferson will guide the boards in implementing the preliminary consolidation plan.

The boards of trustees used the results of a recent survey to determine the name of the new school district. We are proud to announce the new school district will be named Hampton County School District.

Dr. Sarah Williams and Mrs. Devona Youmans of Hampton County School District 2 presented the Preliminary Plan Review. They shared with the boards the changes and updates suggested by the State Department of Education to assist us with strengthening the plan.

Dr. Ronald Wilcox, Superintendent of Hampton County School District One, presented the Preliminary Plan Budget which included monies for items such as salary equalization, 1:1 devices and technology network infrastructure.

Board members voted to approve the changes to the budget and preliminary plan and request it be submitted to the state department for review/approval.

The new school district will need to receive a new DUNS number. The districts will need to select 1) a new school district name, 2) a central office location, and 3) an address for the new school district. Although both boards have agreed upon the new district name, it was determined that further information would be needed prior to selecting central office location and the address for the new school district.

Both boards will provide time for public input during their next individual board business meeting. The public is encouraged to attend both the local board meetings and the next joint consolidation meeting.

Hampton County School District One next regular board meeting will take place on December 16, 2019 at Central Office and Hampton County School District 2's meeting will take place on December 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the District Board Room.

The Joint Meeting of Hampton One and Hampton 2 School Boards will be held at Estill High School on January 14, 2020 at 5:30 PM.