

### **New Hanover County School Legislative Luncheon 3/8/16**

*The annual school board legislative luncheon was extremely well attended by NHCS staff (administrators and teachers) and local officials. All school board members were in attendance, legislators included Sen. Lee, and Reps Davis, Grange, and Butler. County Commissioners present included Barfield, Watson and Zapple. Judge Corpening, the County Sheriff, and the DA were also present. Presentations were made by Dr. Markley, Superintendent, Angela Hewett, Teacher of the Year, and Lauren Kefalonitis, Principal of the Year. All legislators then made brief presentations.*

NHCS legislative priorities for the 2018-2019 school year are:

- Increased State funding for facilities to meet increased space needs (due to class size reduction)
- Restoration of funding flexibility
- Increased funding for technology
- Funding for MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports)
- Calendar flexibility
- Salary increases
- Charter School funds be paid directly to Charters by State or County, not through school districts, and do not require local districts to share restricted funding for programs not offered by Charters.
- Sales Tax Exemption for LEA's
- Change School Accountability formula to put a greater emphasis on student growth

Respectfully submitted,

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