

BASKERVILLE BULLETIN



Representative Nathan Baskerville

The General Assembly convened it's short session on April 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM



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General Assembly Schedule

April 25, 2016 the General Assembly reconvened to complete biennium business. The short session is a time to look at the budget that was created in the long session and adjust those provisions that can be problematic.

Raleigh News

HB 2

House Bill 2 was passed by the General Assembly in response to a local ordinance that passed in Charlotte, NC by a 7 -4 vote. The ordinance was instituted to protect gay, lesbian, and transgender people in places of public accommodation—such as bars, restaurants, and stores.

It has five major parts with only one small section dealing with gender specific bathroom laws:

1. HB 2 requires public schools and public agencies to have single sex multiple occupancy bathrooms and changing facilities.
2. HB 2 prevents all local ordinances, regulations, resolutions, or policies from imposing any requirements on employers in regards to compensation of employees.
3. HB 2 prohibits cities and counties from requiring private contractors to abide by regulations or controls on employment practices or to mandate or prohibit provision of goods, services, or accommodations to any member of the public, except as required by State law.
4. HB 2 supersedes and prevents any local ordinance, regulation, resolution, or policy that regulates or imposes any requirements on employers in regards to discrimination practices in employment.
5. HB 2 supersedes and creates a State law to prohibit any municipality or local ordinance from creating rules, regulations, resolutions, or policies that pertain to discrimination policies in a place of public accommodation.

Prior to HB2, there was no law governing gender specific requirements for bathrooms. The only laws in NC dealing with bathrooms existed under building code laws and designated the number of bathrooms that were needed for the number of people each building could legally hold.

HB 2 also changes the state's "Wage and Hour Act," by preventing any local government (city, town, or county), from regulating wage levels, hours of labor or benefits of private employers. This means that the City of Henderson and the Town of Warrenton cannot adopt any ordinances to raise the minimum wage. Prior to HB 2 no such mandate existed.



DISTRICT 32 SPOTLIGHT

Vance County hosted the 2nd Annual African-American Quiz Bowl sponsored by Henderson-Vance County Recreation and Parks Department, at City Hall on March 12, 2016. This annual competition allows our young participants an opportunity to showcase their knowledge of African-American history. Two Vance County teams competed in this event against The Boys and Girls Club, North Central North Carolina and Granville County. Representative Baskerville served as moderator alongside three judges. Judging the event were Donna Stearns, Blondelle Edgerton & Cynthia Tabb. Topics included—History on Vance County, Sports, Entertainment, Geography, Historical Places, Buildings, Education, Politics/Civil Rights, and General Knowledge. Congratulations to the winning team –Flames of Vance County Boys & Girls Club.



Flames
Vance County Boys & Girls Club
Seated from left to right, Christopher Blue, Ka'Diya Dunston, Timothy Terry
Standing, Director Evelyn Taylor

1st Place



Team Time Machine
Granville County Boys & Girls Club
Seated from left to right, Maliyk Roberts, Ahlo-ri Long, Elijah Griffen, P'tre Parker;
Standing, Activity Leader Ruby Rhondes

2nd Place



The Judges
From left to right, Blondelle Edgerton, Cynthia Tabb, Donna Stearns



Future Flames
Vance County Boys & Girls Club
Seated from left to right, Marquise Hargrove, La'Zariah Harris, Jasmine Massey,
Standing, Unit Director Evelyn Taylor

3rd Place

District 32 Spotlight

Vance County Hosts Teen Court

Vance County Teen Court served as host for the 18th Annual North Carolina Teen Court Association Mock Trials Summit. Teen Court is a non-profit program that gives first-time youth offenders, between the ages of 9 and 17, a second chance; yet holds them fully accountable for their actions. The defendant stands before a jury of their peers, pleads guilty to the offense and accepts the sanctions imposed by the jury. Teen volunteers, aged 9 to 17, act as Defense Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney, Bailiff, Court Clerk and Jurors. The only participating adult is the Judge, who is a licensed Attorney or actual presiding Judge.

Twelve counties across the state competed—Brunswick, Caswell, Columbus, Craven, Duplin, Durham, Gaston, Greene, Harnett, Vance, Warren and Wilson. This weekend allowed the teens to come together and showcase what they have learned through their experience as well as what they learned about the legal system by participating in their local teen courts. With over 150 youth and adult volunteers, this Summit provided seminars for the youth, motivational speakers, and networking with other youth across the state. The winners are as follows: 1st Gaston County, 2nd Brunswick County, 3rd Harnett County. Individual awards from our area: Best Overall Defendant: Jordan Thomas (Vance County), and Best Overall Prosecution Attorney: Daniel Davis (Warren County).



Representative Baskerville addressed a group of participants, by showing an interactive video on the most frequent juvenile offenses

Photo courtesy of The Warren Record



Daniel Davis is a student from Warren Early College High School Class of 2016, brought home several awards—including statewide Best Prosecuting Attorney—from the North Carolina Teen Court Mock Trial Summit.



Jordan Thomas won Best Defendant in the North Carolina Teen Court Mock Trial Summit. Pictured with Jordan from left to right Vance County Commissioner Leo Kelly, Jr., Jordan Thomas, and CORE Project guest speaker Anthony DeNino

District 32 Spotlight

Warren County Student Presents Senior Project



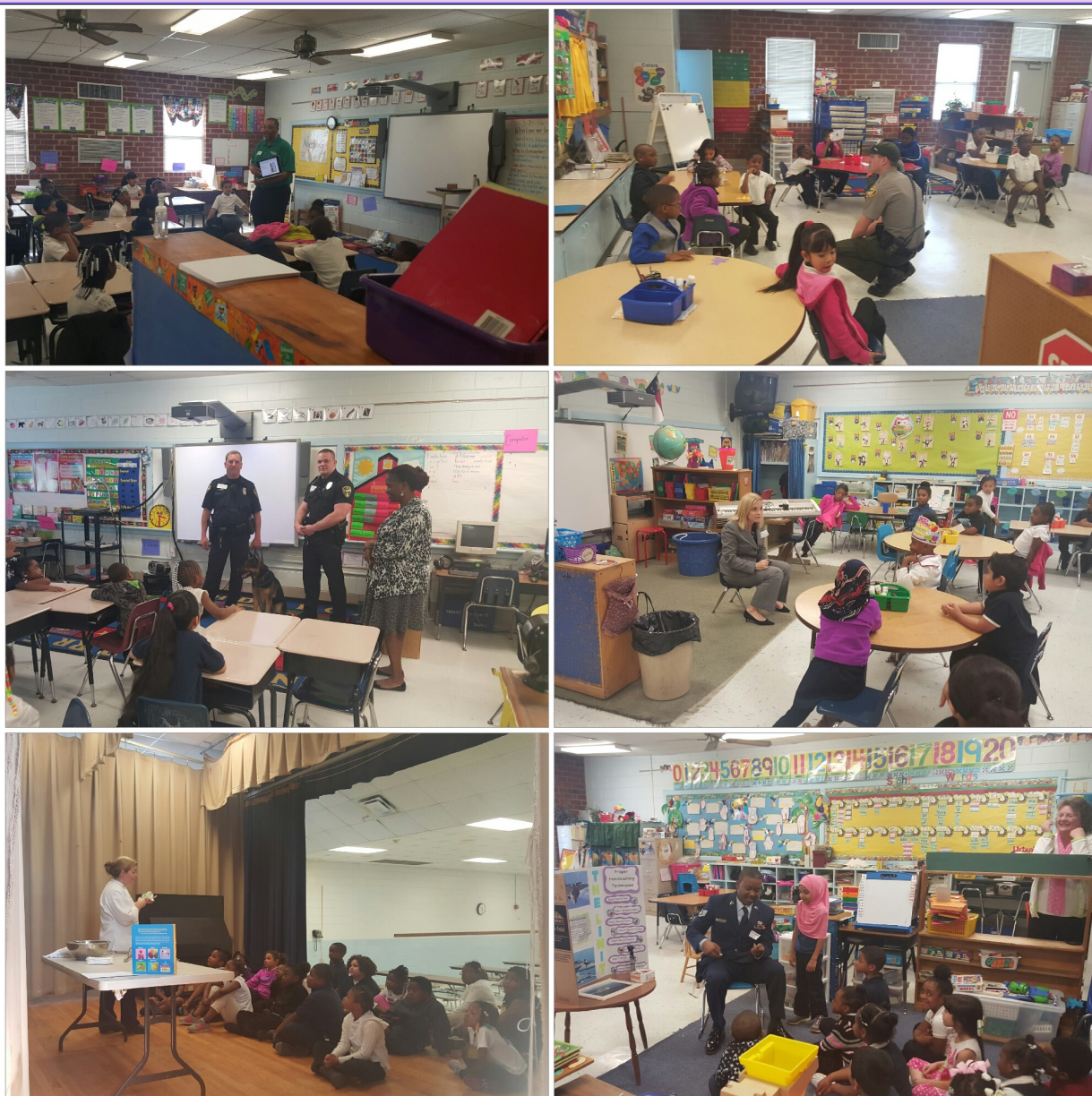
Pictured from left to right: Warren County Commissioner & NC Hwy Patrolman Tare "T" Davis, Commissioner Victor Hunt, Miss Jasmine Jackson, Commissioner Bertadean Baker, Rep. Baskerville

On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, Warren County New Tech High School Senior, Miss Jasmine Jackson, presented her senior project to community leaders, teachers and school administrators. To fulfill requirements for graduation from Warren County School District, each student must complete an in-depth senior project under the guidance and direction of school personnel.

Miss Jackson's senior project focused on the political opinions of Warren County high school students and provided the students an opportunity to meet and greet local officials and learn more about government and voting.

District 32 Spotlight

Pinkston Street Elementary Career Day



Pinkston Street Elementary held a career day for their students. Career day was designed to encourage the students about future career endeavors and vocations. The students got to meet, ask questions, and talk with professionals throughout the community. Professionals from different career paths within the community participated—law enforcement, military, medical professionals, business owners, politicians. The students enjoyed learning about the different careers and were excited to know that many of those community leaders worked in their community.

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Henderson Collegiate Holds Career Day



From left to right, Standing—Precious Perry, Victor Clifton, Imani Steward, and Rigoberto Labra;
 Seated—Alayshia Thomas, Aaliyah Townes

Henderson Collegiate held a career day for their students in March. Career days allow the students to hear from employees, professionals, business leaders, and politicians about their chosen professions. Henderson Collegiate recruited professional volunteers throughout the community to come share with the students information about their chosen careers. The volunteers spoke to the students about their careers, the schools they attended, and the degree or certifications they hold.

The Henderson Collegiate students requested the types of professionals they were interested in, prior to career day. Over 300 students participated in Career Day.

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 Vance, Warren, Granville Counties*

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