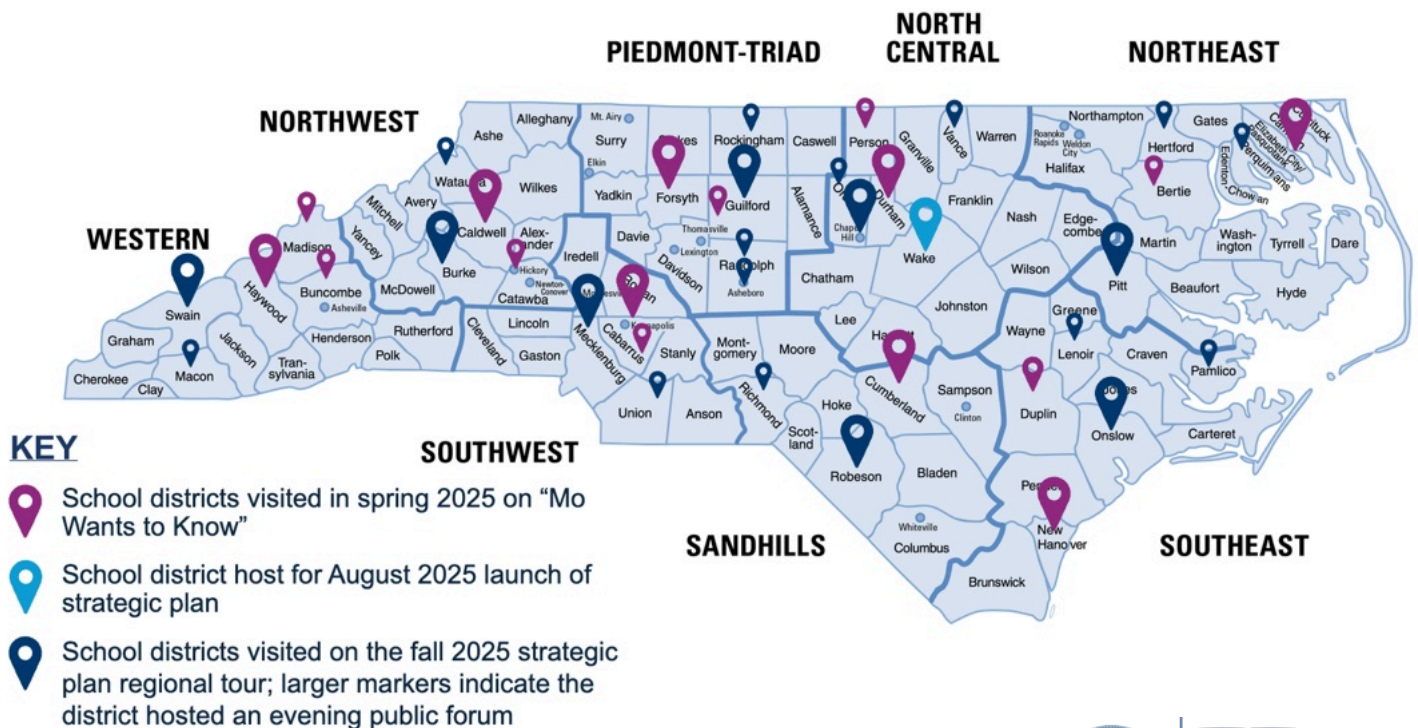


Strategic Plan Regional Tour Report Fall 2025

Education Regions:

Northeast, September 25, 2025
Southeast, September 26, 2025
Piedmont-Triad, October 16 & 17, 2025
Southwest, October 20, 2025

Northwest, October 22, 2025
Western, October 23, 2025
Sandhills, October 27, 2025
North Central, October 29, 2025



November 6, 2025
Lucy Russell Pittman
Strategic Partnerships Manager



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Executive Summary

From the **Appalachian Mountains to the Albemarle Sound**, the regional tour to launch the strategic plan went to many **corners of North Carolina**. The stops included big cities — Charlotte, Chapel Hill, Boone and Greenville — and small towns — Bryson City, Gibsonville, Lumberton, and Hertford.

In every location across North Carolina, it was clear: there is a growing movement to galvanize **champions of public education**. Together, we will continue *Achieving Educational Excellence* to make **NC public schools the very best in the nation**.

8 public forums open to all community members

26 traditional and charter public schools

22 traditional and charter school districts (public schools units or “PSUs”)

1,413 miles driven across North Carolina

Bipartisan representation from over a dozen state legislators

Hundreds of students and educators engaged

Thousands of community members who learned about the plan

Countless local connections to the plan

Endless energy for becoming champions of public education

Regional Tour Summary: *Northeast Region* September 25, 2025



Public School Units:

Hertford County Schools
Perquimans County Schools
Pitt County Schools

Local Educators:

Rachel Candaso, 2025
Burroughs Wellcome Fund
NC Teacher of the Year

State Legislators:

Rep. Bill Ward (R)
Rep. Gloristine Brown (D)
Rep. Timothy Reeder (R)

Highlights:

- **4 public schools**
 - C.S. Brown High School STEM
 - Ahoskie Elementary School
 - Perquimans High School
 - South Central High School
- **12 student pathways** featured at the Career and Technical Excellence (CTE) Luncheon with Perquimans Business Advisory Group
- **20+ educators** at the first Teacher Advisory Council (TAC) meeting
- **244 community members** registered for public forum in Greenville, Pitt County
- **3 student performances**
 - Pactolus School Steel Drum Band
 - Hope Middle School Chorus
 - South Central High School Drumline
- **Many** regional connections to the strategic plan, including:
 - *Pillar 7: Pitt County Schools'*
 - "We Love Our Schools" campaign

Media Coverage:

WNCT TV: "State Superintendent Mo Green Launches Education Tour in Eastern NC"

WCTI News 12:
"Superintendent Mo Green sets sights on elevating North Carolina public education system"

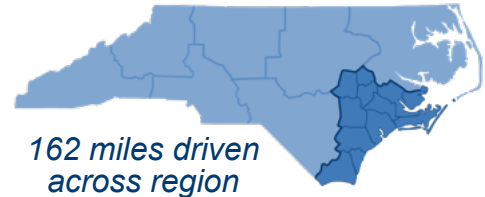
Daily Reflector:
"Mo Green makes Pitt County first stop on strategic plan tour"



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Regional Tour Summary: *Southeast Region* September 26, 2025



Public School Units:

Pamlico County Schools
Lenoir County Schools
Onslow County Schools

Local Educators:

Hannah Moon, *2025 Southeast
Teacher of the Year (TOY)*
Christy Propst, *2025 Southeast
Principal of the Year (POY)*

State Legislators:

Sen. Norm Sanderson (R)
Sen. Bob Brinson (R)

Highlights:

- **3 public schools** (current and future)
 - Pamlico 6-12 School construction site
 - Pamlico Primary School
 - Eastern NC Regional Skills Center
- **Huge early literacy gains** from NC Pre-K & Pamlico Primary collaboration
- **500 pounds of rice** grown and milled for NC public schools at Tidewaters Grains farm
- **10+ industry partners** at Lenoir County luncheon
- **125 community members** registered for public forum in Jacksonville, Onslow County
- **2 student performances**
 - Dixon High School Chamber Choir
 - White Oak High School Drumline
- **Many** regional connections to the strategic plan, including:
 - *Pillar 1:* Onslow County Schools' Eastern NC Regional Skills Center (ENCRSC)

Media Coverage:

The Daily News:
“N.C. superintendent
plans Jacksonville visit”

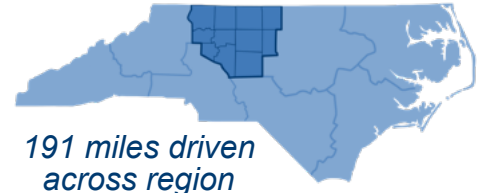


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Regional Tour Summary: *Piedmont-Triad Region* October 16 and 17, 2025



Public School Units:

Guilford County Schools
Asheboro City Schools (ACS)
Randolph County Schools
Rockingham County Schools

Local Educators:

Chanel Jones, 2025
Piedmont-Triad TOY
Ronnie Hewitt, 2025
Piedmont-Triad POY

State Legislators:

Rep. Jerry “Alan”
Branson (R)

Highlights:

- **3 public schools**
 - Eastern Guilford High School
 - Asheboro High Zoo School
 - Southeastern Randolph Middle School
- **6 labs** in Asheboro’s Global Innovation Center, including SparkNC, esports, and 3D printing, and a Family Welcome Center (all in a *former motel* repurposed by ACS)
- **40+ partners** at Rockingham Community College Center for Workforce Development
- **78 community members** registered for public forum in Gibsonville, Guilford County
- **2 student performances**
 - Lamban: Honors Advanced Dance, Eastern Guilford High School (EGHS)
 - "Gold Strike" Drumline
- **Many** regional connections to the strategic plan, including:
 - *Pillar 7*: EGHS Wins the Hubert B. Humphrey School Improvement Award

Special thanks to:

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Media Coverage:

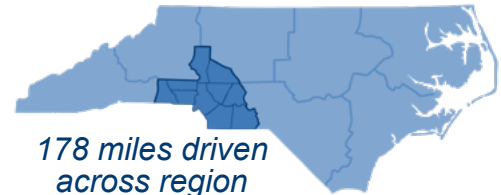
WXII: “The tour continues: Mo Green’s strives to make NC public schools the ‘best in the nation’ by 2030”

WFMY News:
“Mo Green visits Triad...”



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Regional Tour Summary: *Southwest Region* October 20, 2025



Public School Units:

Union County Public
Schools (UCPS)
Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Schools (CMS)

Local Educators:

Yaronda Kilgo, *2025 Southwest TOY*
Kelly Winthrow, *2025 Southwest POY*
Lindsay Phillips, *2025 Charter TOY*
Dr. Jake Wilson, *2025 Charter POY*

State Legislators:

Rep. Dean Arp (R)
Rep. Mark Brody (R)
Rep. Jordan Lopez (D)

Highlights:

- **3 public schools**
 - East Elementary School
 - Northwest School of the Arts
 - West Charlotte High School
- **5 math small groups** of high-dosage tutoring in UCPS
- **200+ community partners** at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for CMS Strategic Partners' Luncheon
- **15+ hard hats** for the "Bond Money at Work" School Tour" in CMS
- **290 community members** registered for public forum in Charlotte
- **2 student performances**
 - West Charlotte Symphonic Band
 - West Charlotte Marching Lions Drumline
- **Many** regional connections to the strategic plan, including:
 - *Pillars 1-8*: CMS' District Pillars of Excellence

Media Coverage:

WFAE: "State superintendent outlines plans to improve public schools to become the 'best' in the nation by 2030"

WCNC: "North Carolina's state superintendent outlines public school strategic plan in Charlotte"

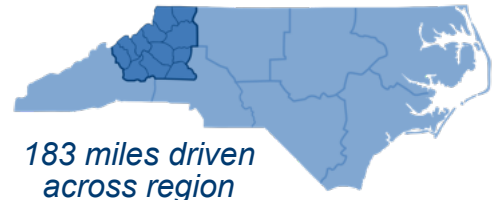


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Regional Tour Summary: *Northwest Region* October 22, 2025



Public School Units:

Watauga County Schools
Burke County Schools

Local Educators:

Tayler Bomar, 2025 Northwest TOY
Dr. Jessica Anthony, 2025 Northwest POY
Beckie Spears, 2024 Wells Fargo NC and
Northwest POY

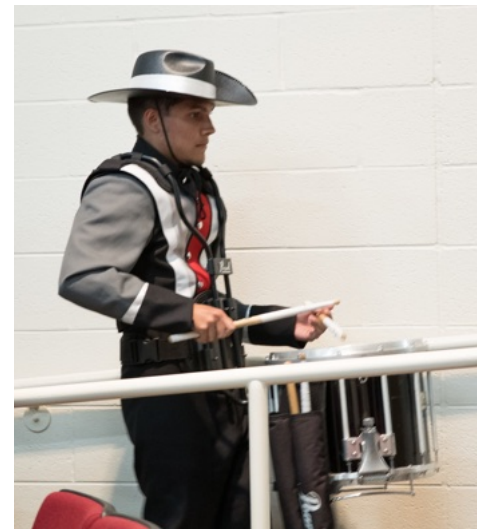
Highlights:

- **4 public schools**
 - Watauga High School
 - Valle Crucis School
 - Mountain View Elementary School
 - Robert L. Patton High School
- **393 days since Hurricane Helene** displaced the students and staff at Valle Crucis School before moving into their brand new rebuilt school building
- **Dozens of future teachers** and their professors at Appalachian State University
- **119 community members** registered for public forum in Morganton
- **2 student performances**
 - Patton High School Chorus & Drumline
- **Many** regional connections to the strategic plan, including:
 - *Pillar 2:* Burke County Schools; Leadership Development Structure

Media Coverage:

The News Herald:

“State schools superintendent to visit Burke County this month. Here’s how to attend.”



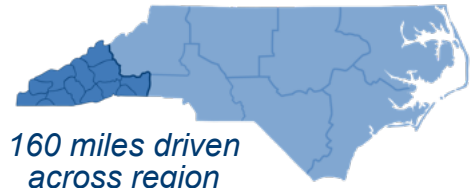
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Regional Tour Summary: *Western Region* October 23, 2025



Public School Units:

Macon County Schools
Swain County Schools

Local Educators:

Lydia Sale Lunday, 2025
Western TOY
Karley Wells, 2025
Western POY

State Legislators:

Sen. Kevin Corbin (R)

Highlights:

- **3 public schools**
 - Franklin High School
 - Swain Middle School
 - Swain County High School
- **Dozens of senior football portraits** taken by the talented custodian at Franklin High
- **1 stop at Darnell Farms** to see community partners, school nutrition farm to school programs — and a pumpkin patch
- **One construction site** for the future new location of Swain Middle School
- **127 community members** registered for public forum in Bryson City, Swain County
- **2 student performances**
 - Swain High School Band
- **Many** regional connections to the strategic plan, including:
 - *Pillar 1:* Swain County Schools; Golden LEAF Schools at Swain Middle

Media Coverage:

ABC 13:

“State superintendent pushes for higher teacher pay, better schools during regional tour”



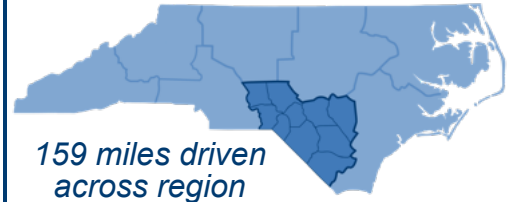
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Regional Tour Summary: *Sandhills Region* October 27, 2025



Public School Units:

Richmond County Schools
Public Schools of Robeson County
(PSRC)

Local Educators:

Dr. Anthony Martin, 2025 *Sandhills TOY*
Dr. Laura Bailey, 2025 *Sandhills POY*

Highlights:

- **3 public schools**
 - Richmond Senior High
 - Richmond Early College High School
 - Lumberton High School
- **500 incoming high skilled jobs** at Amazon AI Data Center, a \$10 billion economic project
- **Two community colleges** with strong local partnerships: Richmond and Robeson
- **Several future teachers** with their current professors at UNC Pembroke's School of Education
- **\$87 million construction site** for the Robeson Career & Technical Education Center & Planetarium
- **104 community members** registered for public forum in Lumberton, Robeson County
- **3 student performances**
 - St. Pauls High School Student
 - Purnell Swett High School Chorus
 - Lumberton High School Drumline
- **Many** regional connections to the strategic plan, including:
 - *Pillar 3*: PSRC and Sandhills region expansion of community schools

Media Coverage:

The Robesonian:
"State Superintendent Green
touts statewide school
improvement plan"

Border Belt Independent:
"State Schools Superintendent
Mo Green Stops in Robeson
County to Tout Success Plan"

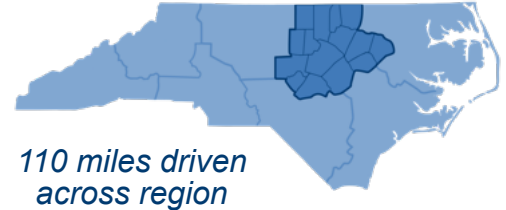


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Regional Tour Summary: *North Central Region* October 29, 2025



Public School Units:

Henderson Collegiate
Vance County Schools
Orange County Schools
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
(CHCCS)

Local Educators:

Tamika Farmer, 2025
North Central TOY
Jason Johnson, 2025
*Wells Fargo NC and
North Central POY*

State Legislators:

Rep. Allen Buansi (D)
Sen. Graig Meyer (D)
Rep. Renee Price (D)
Rep. Monika Johnson-
Hostler (D)

Highlights:

- **4 traditional and charter public schools**
 - Henderson Collegiate Charter School
 - Vance STEM Early High
 - Orange High School
 - Chapel Hill High School
- **51% character, 49% academics core** school model at Henderson Collegiate
- **5 middle school student reporters** producing the daily news at Vance Center of Innovation
- **7 students** leading peers in a mental health support group at Orange High
- **395 community members** registered for public forum in Chapel Hill, Orange County
- **3 student performances**
 - Chapel Hill High Modern Dance Classes
 - Smith Middle School Chorus
 - Chapel Hill High School Drumline
- **Many** regional connections to the strategic plan, including:
 - *Pillar 7:* Celebrate the Excellence across CHCCS from CTE to graduation rates

Media Coverage:

News and Observer:
“NC superintendent tells
Chapel Hill crowd how state’s
schools can be best in US”

The Daily Dispatch:
“Superintendent Green tours
Henderson Collegiate, VCS”



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