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An Update on Redistricting

Peace. The North Carolina Supreme Court tossed out the legislative and congressional maps drawn by the majority in the North Carolina General Assembly last Friday. The Court decided that the maps were illegally drawn to deny voters the ability to elect their candidates of choice. The Court also instructed legislators to follow the Voting Rights Act and protect the rights of minority voters.

Now, the General Assembly will need to come back together and draw new maps for State House, State Senate and congressional districts. The General Assembly must first submit new maps to a trial court panel by February 18th, with the ultimate deadline for State Supreme Court approval on February 23rd. In this round of redistricting, the General Assembly will need to include information about how data was used to determine districts so that the trial judges can weigh in on whether the new maps pass muster based on the State Supreme Court ruling.

The General Assembly will begin drawing maps imminently, with floor votes expected sometime mid-next week.

Governor Cooper Honors North Carolina's Black STEM Leaders During Black History

Month

On February 8, Governor Roy Cooper and The NC African American Heritage Commission (NCAAHC) recognized African American leaders for their critical work in science, technology, engineering and math.

“North Carolina is a stronger state thanks to the contributions of many talented Black leaders, including those who work in STEM fields and who deserve recognition,” Governor Cooper said. “As we celebrate their achievements, we must also work to break down barriers and recruit the next generation of leaders by ensuring everyone has access to a sound, basic education.”

This celebration of African American STEM achievement came a month after Governor Cooper signed Executive Order 246. The Order, signed January 7, creates steps for North Carolina to achieve its goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions and create economic opportunities across the state.

You can read the full list of honorees [here](#).

Opioid Overdoses Continue to Rise. Here’s how North Carolina Can Help.

According to a new study from the Commonwealth Fund, a foundation working to promote better health care outcomes, opioid overdoses have continued to rise across the nation. In North Carolina, the increase in overdose deaths is estimated to have risen by almost 16% in the past year. This issue is not without a solution.

North Carolina is one of twelve states that has not yet expanded Medicaid. While no one program is a silver bullet, studies suggest that expanding Medicaid would have a marked impact on helping people with substance abuse disorder.

Research from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities showed that non-expansion states, like North Carolina, have a higher share of opioid-related hospitalizations where the patient was uninsured. By providing health care access to North Carolinians, we can ensure that people have opportunities to receive care and assistance before they end up in the hospital. Lack of insurance can be a major hurdle for those who are hoping to end their

addiction to opioids.

North Carolina should expand Medicaid this year to help prevent additional pain, suffering or loss of life due to substance abuse. We already pay taxes that have helped to expand Medicaid in other states. Now is the time to ensure that our taxpayers are helping those of us who need it here at home.

NC Families: File Federal Income Taxes to Access Full Benefits of Child Tax Credit

North Carolina families are encouraged to file their federal income taxes to ensure full access to federal benefits, most notably the Child Tax Credit. Families can expect the Child Tax Credit to be fully refundable, meaning those who owe little or no federal tax should still file. Many families received half of their tax credit payments in monthly payments last year, but the second half should be received by filing.

The Child Tax Credit was increased and expanded when President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan in 2021. The 2021 Child Tax Credit meant that families with children received \$3,000-\$3,600 per child based on their age. Most people should file before April 18, 2022, to ensure they receive the full credit.

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