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Greetings:

The week held many activities and events in the district. Please be mindful of your surroundings as we have entered into the holiday seasons.

Joyce Waddell

North Carolina's Community Violence Prevention Strategic Plan

The state of North Carolina has introduced its first Community Violence Prevention Strategic Plan, marking a significant step toward reducing violence, mitigating harm from violent acts, and addressing firearm misuse across the state. This three-year plan was developed by the North Carolina Office of Violence Prevention, established in 2023 to collaborate with state and local leaders to enhance public safety and reduce violence.

The strategic plan provides a roadmap for fostering partnerships among law enforcement, grassroots organizations, public health professionals, and local communities. By taking a public health approach to violence prevention, the plan emphasizes evidence-based programs and strategies to create safer, healthier communities.

Preparing a plan to keep North Carolinians safe is always a great idea. I support any plan that takes us towards safer communities.



O.E.L. Legacy Grandparents Scholarship Foundation Inc.

*Senator Waddell receives and
award for her support of the
scholarship program.*

Grading Policy Changes in North Carolina

The North Carolina State Board of Education has updated its policy to ensure that students cannot take core classes, such as math and English, on a pass/fail basis. This change explicitly prohibits "pass" grades from being assigned to non-elective courses required for graduation. Previously, some school districts allowed pass grades in these courses as part of credit recovery programs, which help students make up for failed classes.

The update clarifies that credit recovery programs should only assist students in revisiting specific parts of a course curriculum rather than serving as a substitute for the entire course. The policy revision aims to prevent scenarios where students could graduate without meeting the full academic requirements of core classes, potentially impacting their Grade Point Averages (GPAs) and preparedness for future endeavors.

I believe we should be promoting higher standards for our students because it allows them to compete on a more global playing field.



Holiday Event

Senator Waddell participates in a Holiday event sponsored by the International Minority Caucus.

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