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### Ahoskie Elementary School Auditorium Ribbon Cutting

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### Press Release



Representatives from Hertford County Public Schools & Hertford County Government participate in the Ribbon Cutting

Chairman Ronald Gatling, Vice-Chairman John Horton and Commissioner André Lassiter represented the Board at the Ahoskie Elementary School Auditorium Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This milestone represents the final phase of the \$20 million Ahoskie Elementary School construction project. The 340 seat state-of-the-art auditorium will host a range of school and community events.

Commissioner Lassiter stated, “the auditorium is a great opportunity for the community to attend cultural arts events, training workshops and formal ceremonies. This is a tremendous asset for our community, which will serve as a first of its kind venue attracting unique opportunities for our citizens to enjoy.”

Chairman Gatling, from the podium, stated, “the Ahoskie Elementary School and Auditorium serves as a shining example of a community coming together to achieve a goal. Together, we can achieve great things and overcome the toughest of challenges.”

The Hertford County Board of Commissioners in partnership with the Hertford Board of Education secured a \$15 million grant through the education lottery proceeds. In addition, the Hertford County Board of Commissioners secured a \$5 million loan to fully fund the Ahoskie Elementary School & Auditorium construction project. Collectively, the Commissioners commented that the attention to detail and focus on enhancing the educational experience is without equal.



Chairman Gatling offers remarks on behalf of the Board flanked by Vice-Chairman Horton (right) & Commissioner Lassiter (left)



Ribbon Cutting attendees discuss the beautiful & well-appointed auditorium's features

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