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**Press Release**

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Ahoskie Elementary School Ribbon Cutting**

The Ahoskie Elementary School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was well attended by the Hertford County Board of Commissioners. Chairman Ronald Gatling, Vice-Chairman John Horton and Commissioner Andre Lassiter represented the Board at the event.

The State-of-the-Art Ahoskie Elementary School has a multitude of amenities, which will benefit the students of Hertford County for years to come. It contains an art, music and media center, two story classroom wing, multipurpose room with platform and gymnasium. The orientation of the building takes advantage of direct sunlight and the design of major spaces allows for a myriad of uses.

This monumental occasion was the culmination of a truly collaborative effort involving the Hertford County Board of Commissioners, Hertford County Board of Education, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina General Assembly. This \$20 million project was made possible through a \$15 million Needs Based Public School Capital Fund North Carolina Education Lottery Grant. The remaining balance of \$5 million was secured by the Hertford County Board of Commissioners through a loan. This single action by the Board of Commissioners saved the taxpayers of Hertford County a significant debt burden.



Chairman Ronald Gatling, Vice-Chairman John Horton & Commissioner Andre Lassiter join Hertford Board of Education members and staff in cutting the ribbon.

The Hertford County Board of Commissioners remain committed to the educational needs and achievements of the children of Hertford County. The Board is steadfast and unwavering in their dedication to the future success of our Hertford County students. Of equal importance to the Commissioners is demonstrating fiscal prudence and conservative financial principles to the taxpayers of Hertford County. The balancing of finite resources with competing demands is constantly on the forefront of priorities for the Board.

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