

**Wayne County
Board of Education Proclamation**

“APPRENTICESHIP WEEK”

WHEREAS, Wayne County Public Schools strives to help its students gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County Public Schools recognizes its role in how it can help address workforce needs and directly support local and state efforts to maintain economic competitiveness through the continued development of a well-educated, diverse, and talented workforce; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeships are a proven and industry-driven training model that helps increase employability, starting with youth and adults, and which helps improve job quality and increased access to good-paying, family-sustaining jobs; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeships are a proven means of training individuals for jobs in high growth, high-demand fields with family sustaining wages and serve as a valuable resource for strengthening the workforce in Wayne County and across North Carolina; and

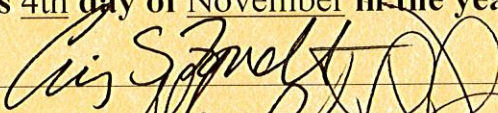
WHEREAS, similarly to other employers working to develop a talented workforce for their industry, Wayne County Public Schools has also partnered with Wayne Community College in a registered apprenticeship program, to strengthen the school district’s professional growth opportunities and “Grow Your Own” teacher preparation programs; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County Public Schools recognizes the pivotal role its educators, school counselors, and Career Development Coordinators have in helping all students look towards their future through career exploration and development opportunities across grade spans, with special emphasis made towards helping middle and high school students and their families more aware of available career pathways and registered apprenticeship opportunities here in Wayne County;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Wayne County Board of Education do hereby proclaim November 17, 2024, through November 23, 2024 as Apprenticeship Week and calls upon school administrators, teachers, students and citizens of Wayne County to recognize and support this action.

Dated this 4th day of November in the year 2024

Mr. Craig Foucht, Chair of the Board



Date

11/4/2024

Dr. Marc A. Whichard, Superintendent



Date

11/4/2024