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HOPE Alternative Program

Edgecombe County Public Schools
Dr. Valerie H. Bridges, Superintendent
Mr. Quarry Williams, Coordinator



ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE



TALENT
RECRUITMENT +
DEVELOPMENT



EQUITY
IN ACTION



PURPOSEFUL
PARTNERSHIPS



RESILIENT
FOUNDATION

Program Stats



MISSION: *HOPE is dedicated and committed to creating a culture where students are “Empowered and Inspired” to maximize their potential. We seek to positively impact students’ academic, social, and emotional well-being, and provide them with skills and resources needed to succeed in the 21st century.*

# Students served in 2021-22	68
# Staff	7
Grade Levels Served	6-12
Average Length of Time in Program	1 school year
Hours of Operation	9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Daily Schedule



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8:55	Arrival & Check-in
9:00-9:30	Breakfast & SEL Learning
9:30-10:35	Instructional Block 1
10:35-11:40	Instructional Block 2
11:40-1:15	Instructional/Lunch Block 3
12:15-12:45	Middle School Lunch
12:45-1:15	High School Lunch
1:15-2:20	Instructional Block 4
2:20- 2:30	Dismissal



Resilient Leaders Initiative



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The HOPE staff participated in a 9 month training through the Rural Opportunity Institute's **Resilient Leaders Initiative.**

The team became more trauma informed and learned best practices to reach students who have adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).



Our Results

Received \$20k

in new funding for hiring a contract Mental Health Consultant for 6 months

Established partnerships

with two local organizations (Peacemakers and Rusty's Peanut Brittle) to employ HOPE students.

We saw a decrease

in student behavior challenges through implementing Morning Meetings.

We collected a pre and post assessment and found that our students in general increased their confidence in:

- **Asking others for advice in finding a job**
- **Creating a resume**
- **Interviewing for a job**
- **Calming down when they feel upset**
- **Solving conflict at work**

Medicaid + Mental Health



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Using Medicaid to fund more
mental health supports for schools



Rupen Fofaria
March 8, 2022



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Feature K-12 Health

HOPE Coordinator, Mr. Quarry Williams, found a way to bill student mental health services to **Medicaid**.

ECPS earmarked reimbursements for this health and wellness program to create a **sustained social worker position**.

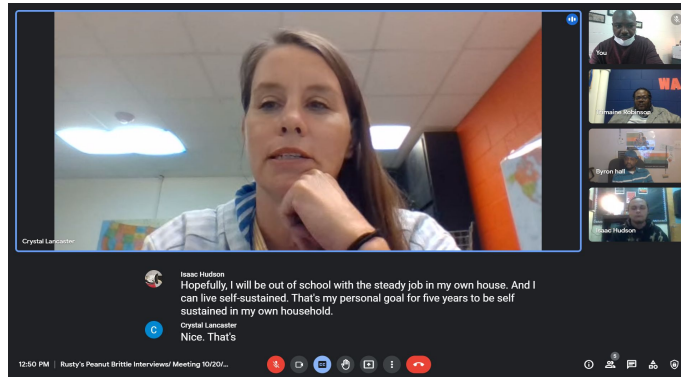
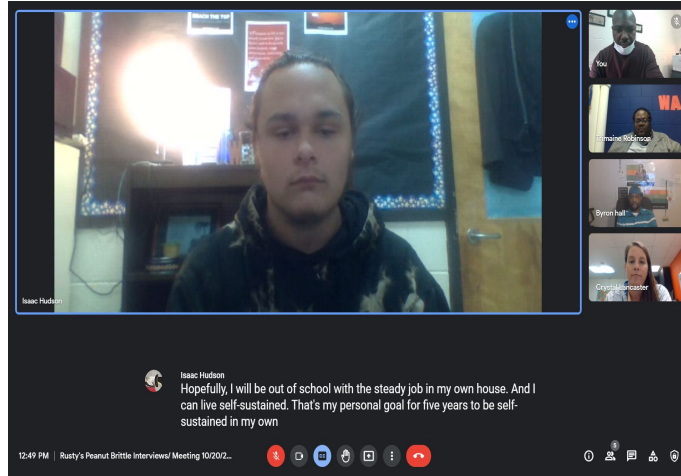


Quarry Williams (left) and Marlo Walker are using Medicaid reimbursement to offer social worker services to every student at the HOPE Program in Edgecombe County Public Schools. Rupen Fofaria/EducationNC

Workforce Placement



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Through the **Workforce Placement** program, students received coaching on filling out job applications, creating a resume, and proper interviewing skills.

Rusty's Peanut Brittle, a locally owned business, paid HOPE students to work between 4-7 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Photovoice Project



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Many HOPE students experience negative stereotypes from the community, their schools, or even their families. Through **Photovoice**, students reclaim their narrative and learn the benefits using photography as a means to cope.

They learn to see beauty in the ordinary, and to appreciate the good things in their lives like family, friends, and nature.



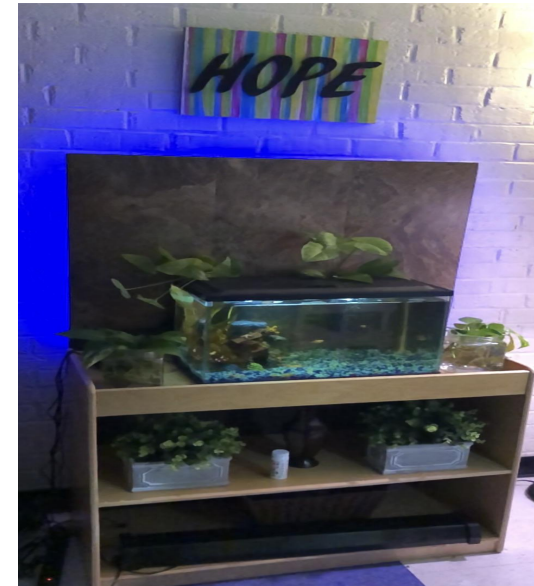
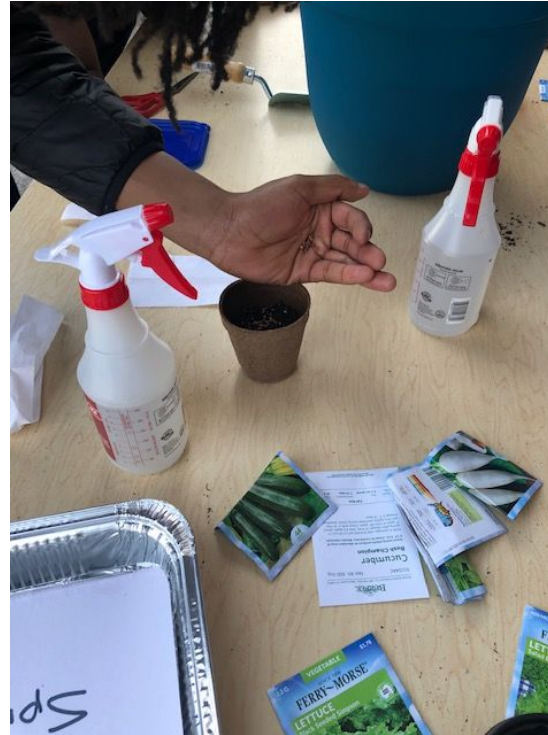
Aquaponics



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The **Green Thumb Project & Aquaponics** is an effort to provide students with the chance to learn through growing.

Goals: Teaching resilience, teamwork, and decision making, along with improving academic skills.

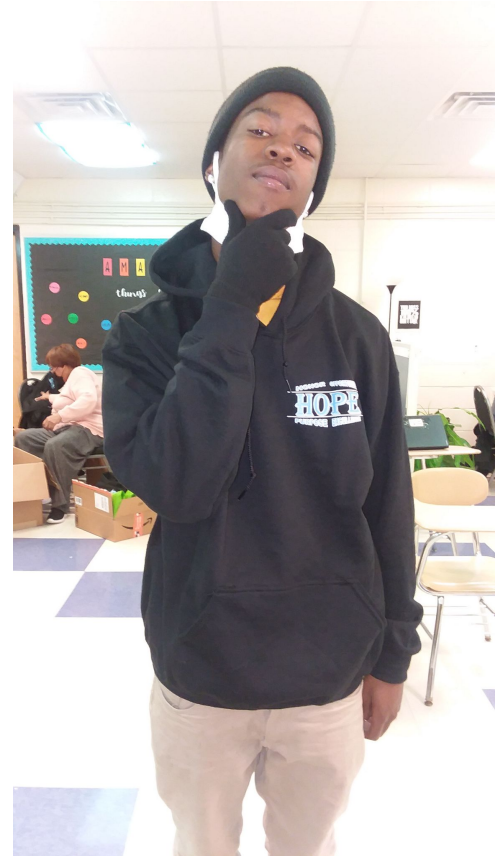


Logo Design



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Students
designed and
modeled a
new logo for
the HOPE
Program!



Questions?



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