

WALKER

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Education (USED).

D.F. Walker was one of two North Carolina schools chosen to be finalists for this award out of about 1,400 Title I schools across the state. D.F. Walker exceeded growth in reading the past four years and exceeded growth overall three of the past four years.

Five years ago, D.F. Walker, which is for grades third through fifth, was designated by the state of North Carolina as a D, low-performing School. This designation was heart-wrenching to the staff, Superintendent Rob Jackson said during a speech the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry volunteer appreciation luncheon.

Since then, the school, currently under the leadership of Principal Michelle White, has worked hard to improve the school's atmosphere and academic.

"This happened because of the tireless efforts of so many including the amazing staff at DFW, the ECPS district level administration, directors, and support staff, as well as our outstanding sister school



D.F. Walker was named a North Carolina ESEA Distinguished School Winner for high progress.

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White Oak," White wrote in a post shared on Facebook. "At D.F. Walker, D now stands for DISTINGUISHED!!!"

With its selection, D.F. Walker will represent the state during the 2020 National Title I Conference in Atlanta in early February.

The North Carolina National Title I Distinguished Schools Selection Committee noted D.F. Walker stood out due to

tremendous community involvement, empowered teacher voice, positive school culture and outstanding principal leadership.

National Title I Distinguished Schools program recognizes exemplary Title I schools that hold students to high standards and demonstrate exemplary school effectiveness in:

- * teaching and learning

based on the approved state curriculum,

- * use of research-based instructional strategies,
- * opportunities provided for all students to achieve,

- * established partnerships with parents, families, and the community,
- * implementation of sustained research-based professional development, and

- * innovation and modeling for other schools.

Since 1996, North Carolina has recognized Distinguished Title I Schools through this program.

Each year, two North Carolina schools are recognized at the national level. Selected winning North Carolina Title I Distinguished Schools are recognized in one of two categories. Schools in the Sustained High-Performance Category are recognized

for showing a high (at least 80 percent) level of student proficiency in reading and mathematics and making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the most recent two years.

Schools in the Sustained High Growth Category are recognized for making significant progress in closing the achievement gap between student groups.

About 10 percent of Title I schools in North Carolina are eligible to be included in the Distinguished Schools process; schools in the top 10% of those eligible schools — the top 1% of Title I schools statewide — are asked to submit portfolios for consideration for the National Title I Distinguished School Awards.

Jackson was among those who attended the announcement in Greensboro.

"This is a growth story we all can be proud of," he said. "We supported and loved the school and staff when the state named D.F. Walker as a low-performing school, and we will celebrate them now! Our students and teachers dreamed it, believed it, and now have achieved it! It is an honor to represent North Carolina as a National Title I Distinguished School."

BALLOTS

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Sambo Dixon.

High, a local attorney, is running unopposed for the 1st Ward seat currently held by Stallings.

Roger Coleman is a candidate for the at-large council seat currently held

by Biggs. Earl Willis Jr. of West Church Street said Monday that he is a write-in candidate for the at-large seat, but that he would not be actively campaigning for the job.

"Folks told me that they regret not having another option on the ballot, so they wrote in my name. That's flattering," he said.

"My candidacy and people writing in my name — it's been sort of an organic thing. I'm not expecting victory by any shake, but it would serve if elected."

According to the latest figures available of early voting totals, 342 people cast their ballots as of Monday. Early voting ends Friday.

Since the Chowan Herald will be published long before the ballots are counted next Tuesday, for immediate results, check out the newspaper's Facebook page or see the Daily Advance.

Last note, a look back in history provides an answer as to how to determine the victor of a three-way

mayoral contest.

Anyway, Dave Holton was elected in 1959 after defeating Dr. Alex Kehayes' father, Ernest Paschal Kehayes, who served as mayor between 1955-59.

Holton won by a mere 70 votes of the more than a 1,000 votes that were cast in a three-way race that

included former mayor Leroy Haskett.

Holton received 400 votes, Kehayes garnered 330 votes while Haskett received 293 votes.

Town Charter confirms the outcome of this historical nugget — whoever gets the most votes is elected mayor, so there will be no run-off.

SANDEFUR

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comes for anyone — when they took full responsibility for their own fate. Ul-

timately, hard work and education would secure blacks the rights they deserved.

"There can be no independence without a large share of self

-dependence. ... This virtue cannot be bestowed. It must be developed from within," he declared in his most popular lecture, appropriately titled "Self

-Made Men."

Douglass defended equality and freedom until the day he died — literally. He passed away in 1895, on his way to a political

convention. He had well understood the deep prejudice that existed, but he never accepted it as an inherent part of American culture. "My cause," he wrote, "was

and is that of the black man; not because he is black, but because he is a man."

Timothy Sandefur, author of Frederick Douglass: Self-Made Man, wrote this for Prager University.

TOBIAS

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gun fire.

... still trying to save ... still at the front ... still at the lead ...

That is exactly what real

leaders do, and what real leaders are. "He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees ... the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Good shepherd. Good pilot. Good officer. Good leader. They all point to the same thing: A real leader leads in "the valley of the shadow of death," and he (or she) leads from goodness and a brave and noble heart.

Fr Jonathan Tobias, MDiv, MSED, a resident of Edenton, is a professor of systematic and pastoral theology at

Christ the Savior Orthodox Seminary near Pittsburgh, and former psychotherapist with adolescents

and adults in inpatient and out-patient settings.

NOTICE OF NON PARTISAN MUNICIPAL ELECTION CHOWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Municipal Election for the Town of Edenton will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Absentee voting by mail is Closed. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Chowan County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on 11/5/2019 (Election Day) (ballots received by mail after this time will be timely if received within three business days and postmarked by Election Day). Voter may directly receive an absentee ballot until November 4, 2019 at 5:00 pm. They must be either sick or disabled and the request must be completed and brought to the office in person or by the acceptable persons to get your ballot. All other requirements are the same, for the returning of the ballot.

Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official, or, if assistance is needed due to disability or illiteracy, by a qualified person of their choice. Voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not able to enter voting sites.

Only persons who are registered to vote in the Town of Edenton Municipality, with the Chowan Board of Elections, may vote in this election. Voter registration closed on Friday, October 11, 2019. Voters who are not registered may still register and vote during the one stop early voting period. Persons who register during one-stop will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. It is too late to change party affiliation. You may update your name or address at one stop early voting. Voters who fail to make a change in name or address until election day must update the information when presenting to vote, and may be asked to vote a provisional ballot.

One-stop early voting will be held at the Chowan County Board of Elections office. One-stop early voting will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday November 1, 2019

**Chowan County Board of Elections Office 730 N. Granville Street, Edenton, NC
One Stop
Hours of Operation:
Wednesday, October 30 – Friday, November 1 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Election day polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 05, 2019

East Edenton Precinct
National Guard Armory Center
702 N Broad Street, Edenton

West Edenton Precinct
Chowan County Agricultural
730 N Granville Street, Edenton

Canvass will be held in the **Chowan County Board of Elections office** at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 2019.

Persons with questions about registration, polling places, early voting, absentee ballots, a Multi-Partisan Assistance Team visit to a facility or other election matters may call the Chowan Board of Elections Office at **252-482-4010**.

Terrence S. Meyers, Director
Chowan County Board of Elections



An Open Letter to the Good Citizens of Edenton, North Carolina

Campaigns should be about addressing resident concerns and setting forth a vision of the future. If you can open people's hearts to new possibilities, they will vote for you. As a candidate for Edenton's Councilman-At-Large, I have sought to do this with my regular Facebook postings, literature promotion, and public presentations. Also through my online **Grow Edenton Resident Survey**: (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-F68R8W8V/>), I have solicited the input of Edenton's citizens regarding their concerns and their ideas about making our town a better place for everyone.

Candidates bring different skills to their elective positions. Attorneys know about contracts and business people are knowledgeable about budgets. I come as both an experienced administrator of the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry and as a clergyman, with a focus on the importance of relationships and a commitment to overcoming those divides that often separate us as a community. As your At-Large councilman, I will study community contracts and keep a close eye on the town budget, while working to make town government a more responsive, integral part of our community.

Biblically, the reign of God's love is symbolized by the "City on a Hill" that cannot be hidden. By working together, I believe Edenton can become a more just and caring "Town on the Sound." If you believe this too, I would appreciate your vote on November 5th.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roger Coleman

The Chowan Herald, Oct. 23, 2019.

"Coleman should be considered a role model for his tireless dedication to others — the gold standard of civic leadership and personal integrity."

A note of thanks: Eight months ago, the Coleman for Council Team was formed to support my candidacy for the Edenton Town Council. Members included former councilman Bob Quinn, former mayor John Dowd, businesswoman Mary Scott Haigler, councilman Craig Miller, county commissioner Larry McLaughlin, Lois Thompson, Joe Leotta, Bill Ahearn, Kip Shaw, Martha Hathaway, Marianne Miller, and my campaign manager and wife of 47 years, Liz Coleman. I am grateful for the assistance and guidance of these insightful and compassionate citizens.

Paid for by the Coleman for Council Team, Joseph Leotta, Treasurer