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## State plans in-person, remote learning

### Phase II will remain paused

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RALEIGH – North Carolina school districts have the option to return to school next month.

Late Tuesday afternoon, N.C. Governor Roy Cooper announced the state would

move forward with option B of opening schools, which will be a mix of in-school learning and remote learning.

“As summer rolls on, many students and parents are discussing the return to school every day,” the governor said. “The reality is the dis-

ease continues to spread across the country.”

With that, Gov. Cooper announced the state was planning to enter Plan B and open schools in a “careful way.”

He said all school districts would have the ability to provide in-person learning, balanced learning or remote learning. The governor did say each school district must provide a plan for re-

remote learning if a child is not able to return to school or the parent chooses not to allow the child to return to in-school learning.

He called Plan B a “measured, balanced” approach and said it includes provisions for safety when it comes to COVID-19, including face coverings for students, teachers and staff as well as social distancing.

Gov. Cooper said the state will provide five reusable face coverings for each student, teacher and staff member.

Gov. Cooper said schools would be encouraged to use one-way hallways and to utilize classrooms for lunch if the cafeteria would not allow for social distancing. He said

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Crowds will not be a part of this year's Bertie Spooktacular as the race is going “virtual.”

## Spooktacular goes virtual

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WINDSOR - Going virtual. Registration is now open for participants to sign up to run in, what will now be a Virtual Bertie Spooktacular 5K and 1-Mile Run/Walk.

The Spooktacular, which is the only fundraising event of the year for the

Good Shepherd Food Pantry, is slated for Saturday, Oct 17 - 21. Due to Covid-19 the race will be a virtual 5k and 1-Mile Run/Walk.

The participant can choose where he or she would like to run the race including other towns and states. The course in Windsor will still be available. The course corners, starting line, finishing line and miles will be marked on the normal 5K course. There will not be a police escort, but the town of

Windsor and police are aware of the event.

The runner or walker will manually enter his or her time at runtheeast.com.

There is also the option to use the app RaceJoy to record the runner's time.

Each participant will have a t-shirt and medal mailed to them.

There will not be prize money or place awards this year.

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## WPD: Two face drug charges

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WINDSOR – Two people are facing drug charges following a traffic stop July 9.

Windsor Police Chief Justin Jackson said officers stopped a vehicle on King Street between Jasper Bazemore Avenue and Cooper Hill Road, and that led to two of the car's three occupants facing drug-related charges.

Windsor Police Officer Jessie Mizelle and Lt. Frank Ratzlaff stopped a car they knew to have fictitious tags. The operator of the vehicle reportedly pulled into a driveway.

When Officer Mizelle approached the vehicle he said he noticed the driver and front passenger “doing a lot of moving as if to hide items in the vehicle.”

As he approached the vehicle, Officer Mizelle reported the odor of green marijuana coming from the car. In addition, he reportedly noticed an empty bag he believed to be a heroin bag in the center console area.

Upon receiving permission, Officer Mizelle searched the driver – identified as 20-year-old Collin Oneal Rose – and the vehicle.

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## Ford named Head of School

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WINDSOR – Lawrence Academy moved quickly to find their new Head of School.

Lawrence Board of Trustees Chairman Jon Powell announced late last week the school has named Katrina Ford to lead the Pre-K through 12 independent school in Merry Hill.

“The Board of Trustees looks forward to working with Katrina as she begins her leadership role,” Powell said. “We believe she is the right person at the right time to continue the mission of maintaining and strengthening Lawrence Academy's leadership role in independent education for Northeastern North Carolina.”

Ford replaces Jason Wynne, who had been Head of School at Lawrence Academy since January 2017, but left

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## Partnership to benefit TGOW

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MERRY HILL – Work will soon begin in earnest to bring economic development to the Tall Glass of Water project.

Earlier this week, Bertie County announced a partnership with NCGrowth-SmartUp,

an initiative based at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

NCGrowth-SmartUp will work to analyze the potential for economic development and new business startups associated with Tall Glass of Water. The project will include a market analysis, case studies

and recommended strategies for leveraging the project for sustainable economic development and local wealth generation.

The Tall Glass of Water is the name for the project in Merry Hill where commissioners pur-

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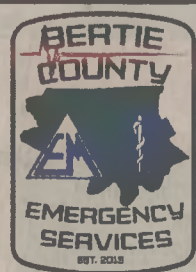


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