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## PQ Schools to Receive CARES Act Funds

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

North Carolina General Assembly has allocated \$500,000 from the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act to area school systems.

Allocation of the CARES Act funds are based on a school system's average daily enrollment.

School systems that will be receiving money include Bertie (\$107,712), Camden (\$97,08), Chowan (\$99,645), Perquimans

(\$82,529), Three Rivers Academy (\$3,961), Tyrrell (\$34,028), Washington (\$68,258) and The Pocosin Innovative Center (\$7,059).

"Perquimans is grateful for the funds received. Several areas have been identified where these funds will be extremely beneficial," Superintendent Tanya Turner said. "These areas include transportation, child nutrition, and technology."

NC Representative Ed

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## Internet Issues Delay Article

**Editor's Note:** Due to a freaking internet collapse at the worst possible point during the Perquimans Weekly's Tuesday production cycle, Monday's Town Council story will have to wait. Rest assured, there were some interesting matters discussed during the 4-hour meeting. Council discussed CARES Act funds disbursements, the Tahoe, Town Clerk's position among other pressing matters.



## 5K Already Cast Ballot in District 1

BY PAUL NIELSEN  
For the Perquimans Weekly

Even with in-person one-stop voting for the Nov. election set to begin on Thursday, the number of voters in the region deciding to avoid the polling booth and instead mail in their ballot continues to grow.

One-stop early voting starts today (Thursday) and ends Oct. 31 at the Perquimans Board of Elections office along with two other sites: New Hope Ruritan Building 2151 New Hope Rd. and the Bethel Ruritan Building, 392 Snug Harbor Rd. Please see Perquimans Board of Elections website for more detailed schedule.

Worth noting, voters will not be required to show photo ID for elections held in 2020. Federal and state courts have temporarily blocked North Carolina's voter photo ID requirement from taking effect until further order of the courts.

So far, more than 5,000 voters in the 11 counties that make up N.C. State Senate District 1 have already cast a ballot for the general election.

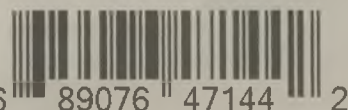
The 11 counties in the district — Pasquotank, Currituck, Chowan, Camden, Perquimans, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington — saw a 24-percent overall increase in absentee ballot requests in the last two weeks. As of Oct. 8, 15,194 requests have been received in the 11 counties and 5,330 voters have already cast a ballot.

The increase in mail-in balloting, generally attributed to concerns about stopping the spread of COVID-19, is striking.

When incumbent state Sen. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, was first elected to the Senate in 2018, a total of 1,279 voters cast absentee ballots. In the last presidential election in 2016 when District 1 encompassed just eight counties around 2,800 absentee ballots were cast.

Statewide, 443,190 voters, or 6 percent of all registered voters, have already cast a ballot in the Nov. 3 election. Nine percent of registered Democrats (228,740) in the state have already voted compared to 3.55 percent of registered Republicans (77,423). Almost

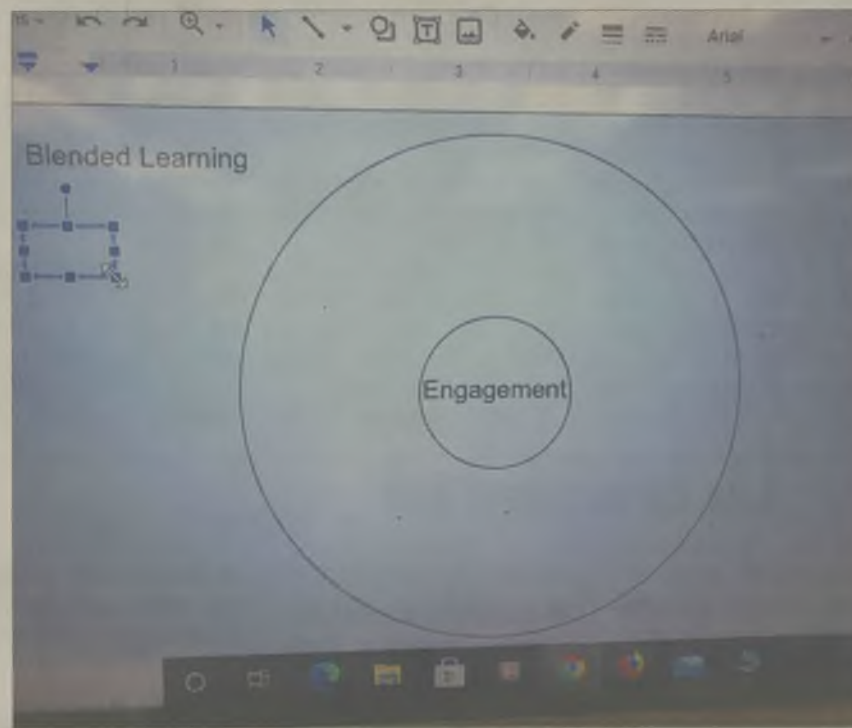
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## TEACHING THE TEACHERS



PHOTOS BY TANYA TURNER

Above photo: Perquimans Beginning Teachers working hard at Teacher Talk to learn engagement strategies using Thinking Maps with Wayne Williams of NC New Teacher Support Program. Focused on supporting teachers in their first three years, NTSP provides a myriad of resources to help teachers grow as professionals. Left photo: It's not all about chalkboards or dry erase boards, but computers these days.

## ROUND-UP Holiday Island and Rotary

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

A round-up of all things Perquimans County... Sponsored by Historic Hertford and the Town of Hertford, there will be a pumpkin painting contest among other activities between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Oct. 17 in downtown Hertford.

Pumpkins and painting supplies will be available per person on a first-come first-serve basis for children or you may drop off your pumpkin on Saturday. Prizes will be given out to the winning artists from various age groups.

View and vote on your favorite pumpkin for each age group at Perquimans Weekly and/or Historic Hertford's Facebook page. Winners will be announced at 5 p.m. Oct. 30. Pumpkins will be on display between Oct. 17 and Oct. 31. Hertford Alive. Also, note the event also features Unique Catering by Jo Jo Parker, Keith Rouse Band, Perquimans Arts League chalk painting, tic tac toe pumpkin, etc will be part to the activities. The stores will be open.

Soon-to-be former Perquimans County Tourism Director Sharon Smith was hired recently as Special Projects Administrator at the Albemarle Commission. Last Wednesday, Oct. 7, Smith officially sub-

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## Judge Stumps for 1st Senate District Seat

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON  
For Perquimans Weekly

EDENTON — Tess Judge, the Dare County Democrat seeking the state Senate seat in the 1st District, believes education and health care will be important issues for voters in next month's election.

The Kitty Hawk resident delivered that message during an outdoor meet-and-greet event with area Democrats at the home of Susan Inglis in Edenton on Sunday.

It was Judge's first campaign visit to the town her opponent in the Nov. 3 election, state Sen. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, calls home.

Judge has been to Edenton many times, including to Inglis' home, the Homestead, when it was owned by Susan's mother, Frances Inglis.

"Years back, Brent Milton, who was then director of Christ Church in Elizabeth City, and I came and met with Miss Frances in that room over there one afternoon about Trinity Center," Judge said, referring to the residential Episcopal summer camp. "We had the most wonderful conversation and honestly, I could have still been talking. She was absolutely just an incredible credible icon, and I know you all know that as well or better than I."

During her remarks to supporters, Judge said ensuring quality education is essential to children's development.

"You know, the first 2,000 days of a child's life is the most important," she said. "We need to make sure that we have the resources

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NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON/CHOWAN HERALD

Tess Judge, Democratic candidate for state Senate in the 1st District (left), speaks to supporters during a meet-and-greet event at the home of Susan Inglis in Edenton, Sunday.