

Statement regarding: MaST lawsuit

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On Wednesday night, July 24, 2019, following a public hearing on the question of closing MaST, the Carteret County Board of Education was made aware of the lawsuit filed by some MaST parents on behalf of their children. A response will be filed in due course. In the meantime, the board will meet as scheduled on Monday, July 29, 2019 at 6:00 PM to decide the question of whether MaST will be opened as previously scheduled or whether it will be closed. There has been no final decision on the question. There are 8,100 students in the Carteret County Public School System. The school board constantly seeks to provide the best educational opportunities possible to all students, including the 100 MaST students, in a fair and equitable manner within the realities of prudent budgeting. This practice has lifted the Carteret County Public School System to one of the highest achieving school systems in the State.