

Carteret County Board of Education
Resolution Approving the Opening of
Marine Science & Technologies [MaST] Early College High School
On Schedule

Recitals.

Budgeting and other concerns led to a study of the question of closing MaST Early College High School. Following issuance of a study report and a public hearing on the question, a majority of the members of Carteret County Board of Education are satisfied that the concerns are being adequately addressed and that the school should open as scheduled for the 2019-2020 school year as provided below.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carteret County Board of Education as follows:

1. Marine Science & Technologies [MaST] Early College High School will open as previously scheduled in the School Board's approved calendar for the school. In arranging the opening:
 - a. The superintendent's office will assign the faculty and administration as necessary, and within the current budget, to open the school.
 - b. The superintendent will have the authority to revise the school opening by two weeks and to alter the normal hours of operation during those two weeks if necessary or convenient to an efficient opening. Such calendar adjustment will be deemed action of the board.
 - c. If practical difficulties arise in opening the school within the schedule approved herein, the superintendent is authorized to call an emergency meeting of the Board to address such matters.
2. The Board accepts the Carteret Community College offer of July 24, 2019 to cover any delay or failure of the State to appropriate \$180,000.00 in supplemental funding for MaST for the 2019-2020 school year.
3. If the State fails to make at least a \$180,000.00 supplemental appropriation for MaST in the 2019-2020 budget, or otherwise, the superintendent shall notify the School Board so that decisions can be made about the future of MaST.
4. Before enrolling students for the 2020-2021 school year, the superintendent will:
 - a. Review the application and selection process for MaST students to ensure that the program is adequately recruiting and admitting students in the categories of "at risk" and "first generation college students" and who, upon completion of their high school and community college degrees, have the vocational education and training

needed to serve local aquaculture, commercial fishing, boat manufacturing/service, and other maritime based employers.

- b. Review the impact on East Carteret High School or any other traditional high school of the loss of student enrollment and any potential loss of high achieving students to MaST.
 - c. Report his findings on a) and b) to the School Board and any measures being implemented to:
 - i. Ensure the recruitment and admission of students who will likely choose vocational training such that upon receiving their high school and community college degrees they can enter the Carteret County workforce in skilled maritime positions; and
 - ii. Reduce or eliminate any adverse impacts of MaST on East Carteret High School or any other traditional high school.
5. It is hoped that such information and any measures implemented in the preceding section will persuade the Board of County Commissioners to recognize the value of MaST and to fully fund the local portions of future MaST budgets while continuing to provide local funds to retain teaching positions in the traditional public schools.

6. Given the extraordinary events of this summer regarding MaST, there has been insufficient time to review the results of the "one-year pilot program" for MaST students participating in sports at their attendance zone high schools. This pilot program is therefore extended for the 2019-2020 school year.

- a. The superintendent will report to the School Board no later than the January 2020 school board meeting on the status of the pilot program, its effectiveness, and any concerns in addition to those expressed by the high school principals in the MaST Closure Study Report.
- b. At that time, the superintendent will report to the School Board on any viable alternatives for MaST students to participate in athletics.

7. The June 20, 2019 motion of the board to re-allocate MaST funding is rescinded. Administration is directed to take any measures necessary to ensure that our school budget for 2019-2020 is complete and properly accounts for MaST.

Enacted on motion of member John McLean, seconded by member Melissa Ehlers, and carried on a vote of 5 in favor and 2 against.

Adopted on July 29, 2019.

CARTERET COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent, Ex Officio Secretary