Board Bulletin

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Dropout and School Crime Report

The State's Department of Public Instruction released its annual dropout and school crime report last week.

Stanly County's overall rate of reported school crime per 1,000 students (7.91) is slightly higher than the State average of 6.89 per 1,000 students.

Stanly County's overall rate increased 11.6% from 7.09 incidents per 1,000 students last year. The State's average rate increased 1.5% over the same time period.

However, the average rate of reported school crimes in Stanly County's high schools was 19.80 per 1,000. This rate is well above the state average of 13.19 per 1,000 high school students.

Below please find the reported crime rate for the four (4) traditional public high schools in Stanly County:

	Number	*Rate Per 1,000*
North Stanly	19	32.87
West Stanly	19	23.57
Albemarle	5	11.44
South Stanly	4	9.50

Possession of a controlled substance and alcohol were the most prevalent offenses at the various high schools representing 35 of the 47 (74%) reported crimes.

Stanly County's grade 9-13 dropout rate results demonstrated improvement for the second consecutive year. However, the current results still lag the regional trend. Below please find a table illustrating a multi-year comparison of the dropout rates across our region:

School System	Dropout Rate FY 13-14	Dropout Rate FY 14-15	Trend
Union	1.10	0.99	▼
Montgomery	2.36	1.73	▼
Cabarrus	1.71	1.78	▲
Randolph	1.82	1.82	-
Cleveland	2.69	2.35	▼
Rowan	1.44	2.52	▲
Davidson	2.79	2.62	▼
Lincoln	1.64	2.71	▲
Stanly	**3.19**	**2.79**	▼
Anson	1.96	3.75	▲

Middle School STEM Lab Implementation

The middle school STEM labs have been fully implemented by the Stanly County School System. The labs focus on fourteen (14) core subject areas, including but not limited to, robotics, digital manufacturing, flight technology, virtual architecture, electronics, and more. The County's investment of $350,000 assisted with the purchase of 3D printers (photo below), computer workstations, electronics equipment (photo below), robotics materials, software programs and more.

SCC Cosmetology Facility Update

The new cosmetology facility on the Albemarle campus of Stanly Community College is taking shape. It is anticipated drywall will be installed beginning next week, and the exterior paint crew will likely be back on-site. A previous attempt to paint the exterior of the facility was delayed due to blemishes in the concrete. The concrete contractor has been on-site this week working to resolve the issue. Below please find both interior and exterior photos of the new facility.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Regular Board Meeting	Monday, March 21 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room