Board Bulletin

March 15, 2024

Dropout and School Crime Report

The State's Department of Public Instruction released its annual dropout and school crime report in early March.

Stanly County's overall rate of reported school crimes per 1,000 students (11.63) is higher than the State average of 8.77 per 1,000 students. North Stanly High School had the highest reported rate of crime per 1,000 students at 62.72.

The rate of reported school crimes in Stanly County's high schools (grade 9-13) was 28.81 per 1,000. This rate is well above the state average of 15.10 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	35	62.72
South Stanly	10	24.51
West Stanly	14	18.84
Albemarle	3	8.36

Possession of a controlled substance was the most prevalent offense at the various high schools representing 36 of the 62 (58%) reported crimes.

Stanly County's grade 9-13 dropout rate decreased this past year. However, it still exceeds the State average of 1.95. Below please find a table illustrating a comparison of the dropout rates across our region:

School System	Dropout Rate FY 21-22	Dropout Rate FY 22-23	Trend
Montgomery	0.78	0.49	▼
Union	0.94	0.85	▼
Cabarrus	2.07	1.71	▼
Randolph	2.22	1.97	▼
Stanly	**2.46**	**2.08**	▼
Davidson	2.84	2.73	▼
Rowan	1.82	2.78	▲
Anson	5.70	3.61	▼

Motor Vehicle Valuation Data

After eight (8) months of data, the valuation of motor vehicles for property tax purposes is trending ahead of the $770 million target for FY 23-24.

After eight (8) months the valuation is $558.9 million. This is an average of $69.8 million monthly. This is an increase of $45 million (9%) from the same time period last fiscal year.

If the current trend continues motor vehicle valuation could exceed $838 million and generate $413,000 more than budgeted for motor vehicle property tax collection revenue in FY 23-24.

Staff will continue to monitor this revenue stream and provide periodic updates to the Board.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Regular Board Meeting	Monday, March 18
	6:00 PM
	Gene McIntyre Meeting Room
Regular Board Meeting	Monday, April 1
	6:00 PM
	Gene McIntyre Meeting Room