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## News Release

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### NC State Superintendent Visits Morgan Elementary

GOLD HILL, NC - Morgan Elementary School recently hosted the NC State Superintendent, along with state and district leaders, to present information about the Competency-Based Education system the school has implemented for the 2021-22 school year. The CBE approach allows students to progress through standards as they demonstrate mastery at their own pace. Students are grouped with others working on similar skills, not by ability or chronological age.

Superintendent Truitt and guests spent the morning with Morgan's leadership team and teachers as they presented the planning process and path to implementation. The team highlighted work the Morgan staff has completed over the past three years. During lunch, a panel of teachers and a parent representative shared their opinions, the struggles and successes they've experienced, and they

fielded questions from guests. Following the presentation, the visiting educators went on student-led tours of every classroom to view CBE in action. Morgan students showcased their classwork and explained their personal learning experiences.

Dr. Jason Gardner, Interim Superintendent of Rowan Salisbury Schools said he enjoyed his visit and was excited to dig deeper into CBE. "Morgan Elementary is a prime example of the impact of collective teacher efficacy. The staff has embraced a student focused approach to education where all students have access to learn and grow based on their unique needs. What I saw during my recent visit was a high level of buy-in not only from the staff at Morgan but also from the students. In each classroom, students were able to articulate the why behind activities taking place. No longer does school feel like something being done to them, instead the students are empowered to own their learning and strive for success," Gardner said.

The visit concluded with feedback and remarks from Superintendent Truitt and guests. "Thank you for taking the initiative to do what's best for your students and your community and for being brave enough to do it," Truitt said.

NCDPI invited Morgan staff to present about implementing CBE at the AIM (Accelerate, Invigorate, Motivate) Conference in October. Competency-Based Education is an initiative that is in the state-wide strategic plan called Operation Polaris.