

**Press Release for Public/Families:** Embracing a Bright Educational Future

Subject: Exciting New Learning Opportunities at Hertford County Public Schools

Dear Hertford County Public Schools Families,

We're thrilled to share some exciting updates to our school programs that will start next school year, 2024-2025. These changes are part of our strategic plan called "Pursuit of Excellence: Unleashing Our Potential," and they're all about giving our students the best tools and experiences for learning.

1. **Social-Emotional Learning (SEL):** We're starting a new program called "[Positive Action](#)" for all grades. It's designed to create a friendly and supportive school atmosphere that helps students grow in every way. *SEL is essential for personal well-being, academic success, and workplace readiness.*
2. **English Language Arts (ELA) for Grades PreK-5:** Our younger students will use the "[Core Knowledge Language Arts \(CKLA\)](#)" program. This will help build strong reading and writing skills early on, which are important for doing well in school and in life. *This is our foundation for building literacy skills for communication, critical thinking, and information processing.*
3. **English Language Arts (ELA) for Grades 6-12:** "[StudySync](#)" is for our older students. It mixes different kinds of media and texts to make learning more interesting and helps students understand and express their ideas in new ways. *This will support learners with developing analytical thinking and creative problem-solving skills with real-world applications.*
4. **Mathematics for Grades 6-12:** "enVision Math" teaches math by solving problems that show how math is used in real life. This makes learning math more interesting and helps students understand how to use math every day. *It teaches analytical thinking and problem solving through real-world applications.* [Middle School](#) [High School](#)

These new programs are practical steps within our "Pursuit of Excellence" strategy, aimed at preparing our students for success both in school and in their future endeavors. Families will have an opportunity to explore these adopted resources at each school's Fall 2024 Open House event(s). We are excited to work with you on these new educational opportunities and can't wait to see how our students excel with these resources.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our schools.

Warm regards,

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