

# Background Information

## **Background - School Regrouping and Transformation Efforts:**

In the summer of 2016, Wayne County Public Schools implemented a school regrouping effort to help transform and improve academic performance at multiple schools within the City of Goldsboro. The district's actions included:

- Through the Wayne County Public Schools School Regrouping Plan, implemented in Fall 2016:
  - All grades 3-5 students from North Drive Elementary (NDE), School Street Elementary. (SSE), and Dillard Middle (DMS) were transferred to Carver Heights Elementary (CHE).
  - Grades K-2 from NDE, SSE, and CHE were assigned to North Drive Elementary.
  - SSE was converted to the School Street Early Learning Center in order expand Pre-K and family engagement.
  - NDE implemented an Early Literacy Focus to prepare students for Grades 3 at CHE (Note: NDE kindergarten students who began in Fall 2016 will enter CHE in the 2019-2020 school year).
  - Goldsboro High opened as a Restart Model school, approved by the State Board of Education earlier in the year.
  - DMS implemented a focus on project based learning, including the establishment of Tiger Academy.
- In August 2016, Carver Heights Elementary started school with a new principal, more than 25 new teachers, a fulltime Technician to support Apple ConnectED\* technology, three new instructional coaches, and plans to increase behavioral supports.
- In October 2016, Carver Heights Elementary received a five year \$1.3 million federal School Improvement Grant (SIG) to implement a Transformation Intervention Model (Note: Year 1 of the SIG Implementation did not occur until the 2017-18 school year.)

*\* In 2014, Carver Heights Elementary was one of two NC public schools to receive an Apple ConnectED Grant which provided a comprehensive 1:1 technology solution for every student and teacher, including Apple hardware, software, and services.*