April monthly drop-in meeting recap:

- Agenda
- **Key takeaway:** Discussion around accomplishments from the school year, and goals for summer professional development opportunities
  View the recording here.

**Announcements:**

- **Apr. 18th**
  Dell Student Tech Team Networking Collaborative
  12-1pm

- **May 9th**
  Monthly drop-in meeting 3-4pm
Funding Opportunity

- Apply for the federal Career Z Challenge grant, focused on expanding work-based learning opportunities for Gen Z.
- Application opens 4/12
- Total cash prizes: $2,500,000
- An eligible entrant to the Career Z Challenge must meet the definition of Eligible Recipient in section 3(21)(A) of Perkins V and be eligible to receive funds under section 131 of Perkins V: The term "eligible recipient" means—a local educational agency (including a public charter school that operates as a local educational agency), an area career and technical education school, an educational service agency, an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or Tribal educational agency or a consortium, eligible to receive assistance under section 131.
- See more here.

Wayne County Spotlight

- Team facilitators: Brenda Elam-Coney, Colleen Graham, Heidi Barber, Robert Yancey, Tony Smith, Valerie Jernigan
- The team collaborated with one of the district Education Technology Specialists. She visited Goldsboro High and taught the students how to edit a voice recording.
- The students are repurposing Chromebook keys from broken keyboards and using them for backordered keys.

Durham Public Schools Spotlight

- Team Facilitator: Joy Malone
- Governor Cooper and NCDIT Secretary Jim Weaver toured Southern School of Energy & Sustainability in Durham on Thursday, April 13. They visited three classrooms: the DPS IT Support Center/Tech Team lab, the computer programming classroom, and the Drone Operations - Engineering Concepts & LED Board Repair Classroom.
- View the press release here.
- Additionally, Durham has offered the district’s first IT work based learning opportunity for EC students of Southern High School. Their contributions support a current project to ensure the recent purchase of 550 phones are inventoried, labeled and sorted to be distributed to schools so all locations identified as a lock down area have access to call 911 and the main office.

School Visits:

- We would love for NCDIT Secretary Jim Weaver to visit more districts!
  - Please contact Brianna Green (brianna.green@nc.gov) if you have any upcoming events or programs you would like to highlight