

TECH TEAM NEWSLETTER:

APRIL 2023



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*



Durham Public Schools



Wayne County

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, a 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

