

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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BOCC/Boards of Education Virtual Joint Meeting  
September 23, 2021  
Meeting – 7:00pm

Due to current public health concerns, the Board of Commissioners is conducting a Virtual Joint Meeting on September 23, 2021 utilizing Zoom. Members of the Board of County Commissioners and Boards of Education will be participating in the meeting remotely. As in prior meetings, members of the public will be able to view and listen to the meeting via live streaming video at [orangecountync.gov/967/Meeting-Videos](http://orangecountync.gov/967/Meeting-Videos) and on Orange County Gov-TV on channels 1301 or 97.6 (Spectrum Cable).

Welcome and Opening Remarks –

Chair Renee Price, Chair Jillian LaSerna, and Chair Hillary MacKenzie

1. COVID-19 Update and Status of Health/Safety Protocols
  - a. CHCCS – Superintendent, Dr. Nyah Hamlett and Chief of School Support and Wellness, Dr. Charlos Banks
  - b. OCS – Superintendent, Dr. Monique Felder and Deputy Superintendent, Operations Patrick Abele
  
2. Capital Needs Task Force
  - a. Orange County Manager, Bonnie Hammersley
  - b. CHCCS – Executive Director of Capital and Facilities, Eric Allen
  - c. OCS – Deputy Superintendent, Patrick Abele and Chief Finance Officer, Rhonda Rath
  
3. Mental Health Needs for Students and Staff
  - a. CHCCS – Chief of School Support and Wellness, Dr. Charlos Banks
  - b. OCS – Director of Student Support, Sherita Cobb
  
4. Racial Equity Collaboration and Support
  - a. Orange County – Orange County Human Rights and Relations Director, Annette Moore
  - b. CHCCS – Chief Equity and Engagement Officer, Dr. Rodney Trice
  - c. OCS – Chief Equity Officer, Dr. Dena Keeling

5. Budget and Personnel Update
  - a. CHCCS – Chief Financial Officer, Jonathan Scott and Chief Human Resources Officer, Erika Newkirk
    - i. Adopted Budget
    - ii. Additional Fund Balance Appropriation
    - iii. Status of COVID funds (ESSER)
    - iv. Staff Shortages and Efforts
  - b. OCS – Chief Finance Officer, Rhonda Rath and Chief of Human Capital and Organizational Development, Joyce Hatcher
    - i. Adopted Budget
    - ii. Fund Balance Status
    - iii. Status of COVID funds (ESSER)
    - iv. Staff Shortages and Efforts
  
6. Local and State Assessment Results
  - a. CHCCS – Chief of School Support and Wellness, Dr. Charlos Banks, and Chief Academic Officer, Alisa Zapata,
  - b. OCS – Chief of Schools and Achievement, Dr. Meghan Doyle

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**ACTION AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

**Meeting Date:** September 23, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Joint Meeting – Board of County Commissioners, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education and Orange County Schools Board of Education

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**DEPARTMENT:** County Manager/Finance and Administrative Services

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

***UNDER SEPARATE COVER***

*(To be provided prior to or at the meeting)*

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**PURPOSE:** To discuss the various School related issues that are of interest to the Board of County Commissioners, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS) Board of Education and Orange County Schools (OCS) Board of Education.

**BACKGROUND:** The County/Schools Collaboration Work Group established the agenda items for this Joint meeting. Both School systems will be providing summaries for several of the agenda items, as well as supplemental information and attachments.

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**1. COVID-19 Update and Status of Health/Safety Protocols**

Both School systems will provide updates on the effects of COVID-19 on their district along with the status of health and safety protocols implemented during the pandemic. Attachments to be provided under separate cover prior to the meeting.

**2. Capital Needs Task Force**

Both School systems will provide information on this item. Attachments to be provided under separate cover prior to the meeting.

**3. Mental Health Needs for Students and Staff**

Both School systems will provide information on the mental health needs identified for students and staff. Attachments to be provided under separate cover prior to the meeting.

#### 4. **Racial Equity Collaboration and Support**

The Orange County Human Rights and Relations Director along with both School systems will provide an update on the proposed Racial Equity Collaboration. Attachments to be provided under separate cover prior to the meeting.

#### 5. **Budget and Personnel Update**

Both School Systems will provide an update on their Adopted Budget, Fund Balance status, status of COVID funding, and staff shortages and efforts. Attachments to be provided under separate cover prior to the meeting.

#### 6. **Local and State Assessment Results**

Both School systems will provide an update on the most recent local and state assessment results. Attachments to be provided under separate cover prior to the meeting.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** There is no financial impact tied directly to the discussion at this joint meeting.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPACT:** The following Orange County Social Justice Goal is applicable to this item:

- **GOAL: ENABLE FULL CIVIC PARTICIPATION**  
Ensure that Orange County residents are able to engage government through voting and volunteering by eliminating disparities in participation and barriers to participation.
- **GOAL: FOSTER A COMMUNITY CULTURE THAT REJECTS OPPRESSION AND INEQUITY**  
The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race or color; religious or philosophical beliefs; sex, gender or sexual orientation; national origin or ethnic background; age; military service; disability; and familial, residential or economic status.
- **GOAL: ENSURE ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY**  
The creation and preservation of infrastructure, policies, programs and funding necessary for residents to provide shelter, food, clothing and medical care for themselves and their dependents.
- **GOAL: CREATE A SAFE COMMUNITY**  
The reduction of risks from vehicle/traffic accidents, childhood and senior injuries, gang activity, substance abuse and domestic violence.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** There are no Orange County Environmental Responsibility Goal impacts associated with these agenda items.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** The Manager recommends that the Boards discuss the issues noted and provide direction to staff, as appropriate.