

August 18, 2019

Subject: Appeal of Dr. Bennett Jones Position Change

Dear Mr. Wooten, Dr. Smith and Johnston County school board members,

On behalf of the Clayton High School Parent Advisory Council we are writing to ask **for an immediate meeting** to discuss the current situation with Dr. Bennett Jones.

We feel that in our role as the parent advisory council we are in a unique position to help the board align interests and ensure the best possible outcome for our students, teachers, administration and Johnston County as a whole.

We have some VERY SERIOUS concerns about the handling of the reassignment of our principle Dr. Jones.

We have walked step by step with Dr. Jones for several years and have witnessed his character, values and commitment to our students along with his passion, love and respect for the students and community.

We note that Dr. Jones has **exemplified your mission**...“to empower our students to enrich their world by facilitating learning through relationships and relevant, innovative experiences” in word and deed daily.

He has personified **your vision** of “compassionate and competent school innovators that engage each student in relevant and personalized learning experiences in preparation for careers, college, and life.”

Lastly, we are writing you directly because of **YOUR stated Values:**

Relationships - All Johnston County Public Schools will invest in bridging the gap between the whole child and the larger community by engaging all stakeholders in the learning process.

Relevance - All Johnston County Public Schools will create shared learning environments that are safe, encouraging and provide opportunities for reflection and personalized learning experiences for all staff and students.

Innovation - All Johnston County Public Schools will embrace an evolving perspective for meeting the needs of all students through the practices on invention and iteration.

These have been more than words for Dr. Jones. He has our students, parents, teachers and community beaming with pride to “wear the C” that represents Clayton High school.

We ask for your consideration on behalf of all the students and parents of Clayton High School.

Sincerely,

Tracy Daniels, Susan Doyle, Kevin Hubbard, Hon Addie Rawls, James Rodgers, Missy Solomon
Clayton High School Parent Advisory Council