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Welcome to the district!

Superintendent
Dr. Norris Williams

North Central JROTC "Best of the Best" in competition at Fort Bragg



2026 4th Brigade JROTC Best of the Best Raider Champions



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Defining the Premier Standard: Dr. Norris Williams to Lead Lancaster County Schools into a New Era of Innovation

The Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees announced Dr. Norris Williams as Superintendent during a Called Board Meeting. Dr. Norris Williams brings more than twenty-five years of educational leadership experience to his new role. He served as Assistant Superintendent for Leadership and School Excellence in the Sumter County School District, where he supported principals and enhanced instructional leadership across the district.

Dr. Williams served in both Clover School District and Rock Hill School District, where he held several key roles including principal, assistant principal, and math and science teacher. His breadth of experience in instructional leadership, school operations, and personnel management positions him well to support Lancaster County's continued focus on academic excellence and organizational effectiveness. Dr. Williams earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Supervision from GardnerWebb University. He also holds an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership and Supervision from Converse College, a Master of Education in Middle Level Education from Winthrop University, and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from South Carolina State University. In addition, he completed the Urban Superintendents Academy through the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) in partnership with Howard University.

Dr. Norris Williams, Deputy Superintendent stated, "My vision for continued excellence in Lancaster County School District is built around the framework of being premier. Maintaining high standards while fostering innovation is truly an art. It is important that individuals are aware of the expectation and what are the current trends as we move forward to developing future aspirations and future goals for our students and our families."

"We are excited to name Dr. Williams as our Superintendent," said Melvin Stroble, Chair. "He demonstrated a strong commitment to student success, staff support, and community engagement throughout the selection process and while serving as interim Superintendent."

The Board conducted a comprehensive search process that included input from staff, families, and community members. Dr. Williams was selected from a pool of highly qualified candidates.

North Central's ROTC are CHAMPIONS of the 4th Brigade JROTC at the Best of the Best Raider Competition at Fort Bragg, NC back in march. The competition featured only the best ROTC Units from SC, NC, VA, WV, MD, DE, and DC was invitation only. North Central's Cadets had their best ever performance and placed in 4 of the 5 events and 1st Place overall (coed). They finished 1st in the one rope bridge, 2nd in the 5k run, 2nd in the knot tying relay, and 3rd in the litter carry. They poured their heart and soul into each event and what they accomplished is absolutely remarkable. Next up is the National Raider meet held over April 16th thru 19th at Fort Knox in Kentucky.

2026 Kershaw County Rotary Wild Game Dinner & Auction Raises Over \$90,000 for Local Scholarships and Rotary Initiatives

Camden, SC — March 31, 2026 — The 13th annual Rotary Wild Game Dinner and Auction occurred on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at the Camden City Arena. Organized by the West Waterlee-Lugoff and Camden Rotary clubs, this signature fundraiser continues to provide scholarships for Kershaw County high school seniors pursuing higher education. Thanks to this event and the dedication of its members, they are proud to have contributed more than \$525,000 in educational support for over 285 local students. This year's event was another success, drawing over 400 attendees.

Once again, Lugoff Automotive Group was the Supreme Sponsor, and the Health Services District of Kershaw



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South Carolina Farmer and Agribusiness Association Awards



Mr. Josh Bailey receiving his award as Region 3 "Agribusiness Person of the Year."

The South Carolina Farmer and Agribusiness Association recently held their annual awards ceremony recognizing farmers and agribusiness men and women for their outstanding efforts they

put forth to keep America's farms and agriculture industry running smoothly. The SCFAA annually awards members of their organization in areas ranging from Corn Production to cattle production



Mr. Dennis Taylor receiving his award as state winner "Specialty Agriculture Producer of the Year."

to running an agriculture related business. Farmers and agribusiness professionals, along with their local advisors, fill out and submit applications to receive recognition in these individual

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Week Eleven: Legislative Update

Boat Tax, Pregnancy Tax Credits, K9 Officer Protection, & More

It was another busy and productive week in Columbia as we kept pushing forward solutions that matter to you, cutting taxes, supporting families, and keeping our communities and law enforcement safe. Here's a quick look at what we got done and how it impacts South Carolina.

Affordability & Tax Relief

One of the biggest wins last week was the passage of the South Carolina Boat Tax Act (H.3858). South Carolina is one of the top boating states in America, but for too long, we've had the highest boat taxes in the nation. This legislation cuts boat property taxes nearly in half, eliminates double taxation on boat motors, and simplifies the process into one easy payment. This is about fairness and freedom, making it more affordable for families to enjoy our lakes and coast without being penalized by excessive taxes.

□ In subcommittee, we also advanced the Pregnancy Care Tax Credit Act (S.32), which takes a new approach to supporting women, children, and families. Instead of growing government, this bill encourages private donations to pregnancy resource cen-



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ters, maternity homes, and programs that support victims of human trafficking. In return, donors can receive a state tax credit of up to 50% of their liability. These organizations provide critical services like prenatal care, parenting support, and housing, and the bill ensures accountability by requiring that the majority of funding goes directly to services. This is about strengthening South Carolina families in a responsible and community-driven way.

□□ Another important step forward was the House's passage of H.4799, a commonsense cleanup bill that cuts red tape and improves access to care for our vet-

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