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Surry County Schools Receives Digital-Age Learning Initiative Grant

Dobson, NC — Surry County Schools was awarded one of six Digital-Age Learning Initiative Planning Grants in the amount of \$50,000 from the North Carolina State Board of Education. Dr. DeAnne Danley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development PreK-12, applied for and was awarded the competitive grant to support digital learning competencies for educators.

“This grant will enable us to develop a personalized learning playbook that will encompass components for further personalized learning implementation, course exemplars in our Canvas learning management system, resources for professional learning communities (PLCs), and a communication packet for all stakeholders,” shared Danley. “The grant will provide funding for teacher professional development and resources as our school district continues to provide multiple pathways for personalized learning for all students.”

The State Board of Education approved the competitive grant under the state’s Digital Learning Initiative to support local innovative digital learning models. The grant initiative was authorized in 2016 by the General Assembly in collaboration with the State Board of Education and the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation at N.C. State University. The goals were to develop a long-term strategy to provide resources for educators and students to benefit from digital-age teaching and learning.

Surry County Schools continues to develop and implement personalized and customizable learning strategies for all students as part of our 2019-2023 strategic plan. Dr. Danley’s work in securing this grant funding will further support the district vision of Designing Dreams and Growing Leaders for achievement, leadership, and life. Especially, during this time of transition for students and teachers, preparing teachers to better support students with a playbook for

strategic planning is a great way to further define and strengthen remote and blended learning as well as personalized learning opportunities for all Surry County School System students. This grant funding is an amazing opportunity for all Surry County School System educators to better support student needs and foster their success.

