



Edgecombe County Public  
**SCHOOLS**

THE KEYS TO SUCCESS: HOME, SCHOOL, COMMUNITY

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Susan Milliken, Executive Director  
Future for Kids  
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Raleigh, NC 27605

Dear Susan:

Edgecombe County Schools is excited about expanding our collaboration with Futures for Kids (F4K). We believe the keys to success are home, school and community, and F4K provides the resources to unite all three groups under a single focus—equipping our students for a successful future.

Many young people do not graduate from high school because of a perceived lack of opportunities. F4K provides these young people with a sense of direction and the motivation to work hard by helping the students find a variety of careers tailored to their interests and making the connection between academic performance and personal fulfillment.

In addition, F4K mobilizes the community to get involved in shaping the future of our children and our workforce. As the students explore their options, they draw valuable input, guidance and encouragement from business professionals who can share lessons from outside the classroom.

I believe this support is vital to our success as we strive to maintain high standards of excellence and produce well-rounded, critical-thinking students ready to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century workforce. I encourage our business community to get involved in F4K and help level the playing field for our students in Edgecombe County.

Sincerely,

Craig Witherspoon, Ed.D.  
Superintendent – Edgecombe County Public Schools