



# BT Coordinator News

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**2015-2016 Dates:**  
Sept. 11, Nov. 13,  
Feb. 12th-Peer Reviews

## Welcome to the Newest BTCs in the Sandhills Region

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## SAVE the DATE

**Our next meeting  
will be the Cross-  
Regional Meeting  
between the  
Southeast and the  
Sandhills. We will  
meet at the UNCP  
building on the  
COM-Tech campus  
on Nov. 13th at  
9:00.**

## Reflections of the September 11th meeting

First, let me thank all of you for attending our first BT Coordinator meeting of the year. All LEAs were represented and we had two regional charter schools to join us; CIS Academy in Robeson Co. and Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy in Bladen Co. Also, thank you to our IHEs who attended: Methodist, St. Andrews, and UNCP. Your partnership is invaluable to the work of supporting beginning teachers in the Sandhills.

In our region, 703 BT 1s have been hired and there are 214 remaining vacancies to be filled. Concern was expressed over the number of out of state elementary teachers who declined a job due to the number of tests currently required. UNCP is providing assistance to teachers who need to pass the tests to receive their licenses. Contact Karen Granger for further information.

IHEs shared their education programs' design and how there are sep-

arate courses for classroom management, appropriate use of technology, differentiation, CC/ES, and 21st Century learning/skills. They spoke to how lesson plan design, as well as the above mentioned topics, are also embedded throughout many courses. IHEs thanked the LEAs for hosting student teachers and reminded them of the importance of a quality cooperating teacher and the impact that has on the student teacher.

## Mentor Resource Data Base

Patricia Coldren (Lee Co.) spoke of her vision to create a Mentor Resource Data Base to help mentors better support their mentees. The vision is a "one stop shop" for mentors

when they are needing resources for a standard, element, indicator, or other area of concern. Patricia asked if others would be interested in working on this project, and if so,

to send her an email. She can be contacted at [pcoldren@lee.k12.nc.us](mailto:pcoldren@lee.k12.nc.us). We talked about utilizing NCCAT facilities for this work. Let Patricia know if you have an interest.