

**For Immediate Release**

## **Heide Trask High School will open school year under Plan C**

BURGAW – After a careful review of staffing needs and the ability to fill vacancies, a decision to delay the start of in-person, on-campus education at Heide Trask High School has been made.

Heide Trask students will start the 2020-21 school year under Plan C (online learning) until August 28. At that time, the in-person Cohort schedule will begin with Cohort B reporting to campus.

Because of unfilled positions, previously requested leave and recent COVID-19 exposures, a total of 24 Heide Trask staff members will be unavailable to teach in-person on Monday. These absences amounted to a total of needed staff that could not be filled to hold in-person learning at this time.

Pender County Schools will have more information as it becomes available.