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**PROJECT-BASED LEARNING SCHOOL COMING TO WILMINGTON**

Coastal Preparatory Academy Gets Final Approval from State Board of Education

**Wilmington, NC, September 18, 2015 –**

The Coastal Preparatory Academy is a new public charter school slated to open in August of 2016. Formerly known as Cape Fear Preparatory Academy, the school changed its name for marketing purposes and has now been given the green light to open from the State Board of Education. The school will open grades Kindergarten through fifth next August and will add one grade per year through eighth grade. Projected enrollments at opening are 396 students. “We are excited to see New Hanover County get a charter school approved that will continue to provide educational options for students,” stated Board Chairman Dr. Jeff Nichols. “We believe that with an innovative teaching and learning model and a results-oriented instructional team; this school will be a flagship for educational success in eastern North Carolina”, Nichols adds.

Coastal Preparatory Academy is a tuition-free charter school that will reside in the Wilmington area. It will implement an instructional model that focuses on collaborative, cooperative, and multi-level instruction. Project-Based Learning will be highly emphasized, as the school leadership team believes students should have a high interest level in the learning process. The learning process will be connected to real world experiences in an effort for students to be cognizant of its relevance. Students will learn in whole groups, peer groups, and interventions are regularly provided by the classroom instructor. The learning environment will be a technology-rich and student-centric in order to stimulate research and further enhance student learning.

Interested parents may attend the school’s next Parent Information Session on Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 at Anchor Baptist Church located at 300 Futch Creek Road in Wilmington.

For more information and to take the feedback survey, visit the school’s Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/coastalprepacademy> or visit the school’s website at [www.coastalprep.org](http://www.coastalprep.org).

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