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To the Camp Lejeune Community,

On 15 February, Dr. Al Boone will assume the duties of District Superintendent, North Carolina District, Camp Lejeune. A retired senior Non-Commissioned Officer and distinguished educator, Dr. Boone has the passion, commitment, and talent needed for this leadership role. Together with Dr. Harriet Hunter-Boykin, assistant superintendent, Dr. Boone will provide on the ground guidance and support for our Camp Lejeune schools.

As the Camp Lejeune community prepares to welcome Dr. Boone, I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune command, the teachers, support staff, and administrators of our seven schools, the Camp Lejeune School Board, and parents for your support, commitment to excellence, and advocacy for our children. Because of the efforts of teachers, support staff, administrators, community leaders, and individual parents, many goals have been accomplished over the last three years. There is much left to be done, as we continuously seek to improve our service to students and families, but I leave Camp Lejeune knowing that a very good school district will only move forward in the years to come.

As I say farewell, I leave you with these words from an African prayer,

*"Let us take care of the children, for they have a long way to go. Let us take care of the elders, for they have come a long way. Let us take care of those in between, for they are doing the work."*

It has been my sincere honor to serve among you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Marsh".

Emily Marsh, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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