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The North Carolina General Assembly reconvenes to begin the long session for 2019 on January 30th. This session, Republicans still control the legislature, but not with supermajorities. The governor's mansion is of course controlled by the Democrats, and Governor Roy Cooper will have a stronger position when he issues a veto. I remain hopeful that we will have a positive year for career and technical education, and I look forward to continuing the work needed to help promote this vital part of our education system.

I have been working with Executive Director Ruth Huff, and Legislative Committee Chair Allison Dees to make sure your legislative day is a strong one. New rules at the General Assembly prevent us and all groups from using the quadrants to set up displays of students work. This is unfortunate, but we still plan to have a strong day, and provide a strong educational environment for students. We plan to start the day by taking students in the House Chamber for viewing, and then move to a room at DPI where a number of legislators will be coming to speak to the students. We have education leaders from both sides of the aisle, and hopefully the students will learn a little bit more about how things work in state government.

I'll be emailing legislators your agenda items, and meeting with the leaders who make the decisions that impact you in the coming weeks, and throughout the session. I'll be sending out monthly reports to report on progress and the happenings of the North Carolina General Assembly. Take care, and I hope to see you on February 27th for your legislative day.