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### SW Guidance Center director talks about state's new mental health plan

By ROBERT FRYER  
The new mental health plan for North Carolina, unveiled last week, is a landmark document that will reshape the way the state approaches mental health care, according to the director of the state's largest mental health provider.

Robert Fryer, director of the Southwest Guidance Center, said the plan, which was developed by a task force led by Gov. Pat McCrory, is a "game-changer" for the state's mental health system. The plan calls for a shift from a focus on hospital-based care to a more community-based approach, with a focus on prevention and early intervention.

Fryer said the plan also calls for a significant increase in funding for mental health services, particularly for community-based care. He said the plan is a "major step" in the state's effort to address the needs of people with mental health issues.

### Grain truck swerves to miss camper

By JEFFREY W. HARRIS  
A grain truck swerved to miss a camper on a highway in the western part of the state on Tuesday, according to a police report.

The incident occurred on I-85 near the town of Mooresville. The truck, which was carrying a large load of grain, swerved into the shoulder of the road to avoid a camper that was in the lane.

Police said the driver of the truck was not injured, but the driver of the camper was taken to a hospital for injuries. The truck was towed off the road and the camper was damaged.



### Anticipating growth

Demographer gives school board data on what lies ahead

By JEFFREY W. HARRIS  
A demographer has provided the school board with data on what lies ahead for the district's student population.

The demographer, Robert Fryer, said the district's student population is expected to grow significantly over the next few years. He said the growth is primarily driven by an increase in the number of students in the district's youngest age groups.

Fryer said the district's current facilities are not designed to accommodate this growth, and the school board will need to plan for the future. He said the district is currently in the process of evaluating various options for expanding its facilities.