

HICKORY HIGH SCHOOL

Educating today's youth has become increasingly challenging. Innovative educators and school districts are always seeking new and better ways to accomplish their goals. We applaud Hickory High School for partnering with business to present this progressive program in economics education. Special thanks go out to the entire administration, faculty and staff for their vision and commitment.

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