

Sweet Dough Bake Shop opens in High Point

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Traci Thompson has lived in Seattle and New York City, where she found and frequented local bakeries. Now, she's brought her version of some of those treats back to North Carolina.

Sweet Dough Bake Shop, 2758 NC 68 North in High Point, opened on June 12 and serves a variety of baked goods, including cookies, pies and desserts.

Thompson has family in High Point, and when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, she and her husband, Ray, wanted to be closer to them.

Ray said, "I could either do my e-commerce work at home from Seattle or from High Point." So the couple moved home.

Ray said after working out, he and Traci often visited a High Point juice bar, but one day they went, and the shop was empty. That got the wheels turning about making Traci's dream a reality.

But Ray said the bakery is Traci's. "I'm just an employee," he said, laughing.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," Traci said. "I used to bake with my grandmother and my mother."

"When we lived in New York City, we had our favorite bakeries there, and when we lived in Seattle, it was the same thing," Traci said. "When we came back here (to High Point), my husband was like, 'What

Sweet Dough Bake Shop

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Hours: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday

Website: tinyurl.com/ddmn3k49

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would your dream job be?' And I was like, 'Open a bakery? So we taste-tested with family and friends and perfected all the recipes. And we just decided to go for it.'

The bakery's specialties include large sticky buns; Blueberry Cloud, which has a shortbread crust, vanilla center and blueberry and lemon compote topping; banana pudding; and Ooey Gooey Cookies, which have a crunchy outer edge and a gooey middle and are served warm with Home-

land Creamery ice cream. "We buy all our dairy from Homeland Creamery," Traci said.

The bakery also offer a selection of pies, including customer favorites key lime and coconut cream. If you buy a whole pie, you also get the reusable tin it was baked in.

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comers School for the spring semester of the next academic year and have up to 100 students enrolled by the end of the school year, said Janson Silvers, the school system's public information officer.

The Newcomers School

at Andrews would involve spending \$8.6 million and would be funded during the next four fiscal years through the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency

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Relief Fund. Known commonly in education circles as ESSER, the program established by Congress aims to provide federal money to local school districts to tackle COVID-19 costs and address learning loss because of the pandemic disruption of education.

Guilford County Schools is slated to receive a total of \$307.5 million in ESSER funding through the 2025 fiscal year. Superintendent Sharon Contreras described detailed plans for the local ESSER spending during the Guilford County Board of Education meeting last week.

Andrews Principal Marcus Gause said the Newcomers School will help families and their children adjust to their community and adopted country.

"They can learn the language here while embracing the cultures of all the different students," Gause told The High Point Enterprise. "But from an academic perspective, it really tries

to focus on building language skills and giving them a great shot at getting a solid education."

The ESSER money includes other proposed spending geared toward High Point schools and students. The school district plans to spend \$2 million in federal funds through the program for community partnerships and mental health care coordination for High Point community schools.

The vast majority of the ESSER funding is planned for initiatives throughout Guilford County, including:

- Help with tutoring of students including formation of a tutoring corps.
- Expanding library and digital learning resources.
- Replacing band uniforms for high school marching bands.
- Forming a campaign to increase student attendance.
- Creating innovative outdoor and indoor learning spaces.
- Securing adequate cleaning supplies to sanitize school buildings.

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