

American Education Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, the community of Guilford County cares about children and their future; and

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, education employees, be they substitute educators, custodians, teachers, bus drivers or librarians, work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise;

THEREFORE, we the Guilford County Board of Education and Guilford County Association of Educators hereby recognize November 12-16, 2007 as American Education Week and herald this year's theme, *Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility*. We encourage all citizens in Guilford County to visit local schools during this national celebration.

Signed this 8th day of November 2007.

Alan W. Duncan, Chairman
Guilford County Board of Education

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