

RESOLUTION
“Sufficiently Fund Public Schools”

WHEREAS, a strong public education system represents a vital interest of the State of North Carolina, and plays a unique role in ensuring the future of our democracy and the future vitality of our state and nation; and,

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Board of Education’s mission is to ensure that Guilford County students will graduate as responsible citizens prepared to succeed in higher education, or in the career of their choice; and,

WHEREAS, adequate funding is required in order to maintain the County’s and State’s vital interest in strong public schools; and,

WHEREAS, funding from the State of North Carolina represents approximately 60 percent of the Guilford County Schools’ total operating budget; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed increase in class-size ratios of two students per class contained in the North Carolina Senate’s adopted budget would equate to a reduction in force of nearly 300 classroom teachers in Guilford County Schools, and, if enacted, would reverse North Carolina’s commendable and noteworthy efforts to lower class size ratios to provide better educational opportunities for its students; and,

WHEREAS, the significant reductions in funding for prekindergarten through grade 12 education included in the budget adopted by the North Carolina Senate, and suggestions that a budget with even more significant reductions is being considered by the North Carolina House of Representatives, would severely harm the quality of education students receive in Guilford County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Guilford County Board of Education** strongly opposes the Senate’s budget, and urges the House of Representatives, and ultimately the General Assembly and Governor, to approve a budget that sufficiently funds North Carolina’s public schools.

This is the 23rd day of April, 2009.

The Guilford County Board of Education

By:

Its: Chairman

Alan W. Duncan

Attest:

Its: Superintendent of Schools

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