

Resolution Requesting Full Funding of North Carolina Schools

Passed by the Guilford County Council of PTAs on May 5, 2009

Whereas, a strong public education system provides well-educated citizens to vote, pay taxes, support local industry, establish infrastructure, and promote community health; and,

Whereas, a strong public education system contributes to good quality of life in our state, draws new residents and industry, and reduces criminal activity; and,

Whereas, school funding is an advocacy priority of the North Carolina Parent Teacher Association; and,

Whereas, in North Carolina, the state government is required by law to make sure that every school system has sufficient funds to provide every child with the opportunity for a sound basic education as defined by the North Carolina Supreme Court and the laws of the state; and,

Whereas, the under-funding of our public schools hurts every school in the state, especially those schools and counties serving a large population of students living in poverty; and,

Whereas, the budget currently adopted by the North Carolina Senate will mean a reduction in Guilford County's teaching force of at least 300 teachers, increasing class sizes significantly; and further reductions being considered by the North Carolina House of Representatives would mean the loss of even more teachers; and,

Whereas, the loss of teachers' income will hurt their families and mean lower tax revenue for the State of North Carolina; and,

Whereas, our students' loss of education will lessen their employment opportunities in the future, almost certainly leading to an increase in welfare, the prison population and other social problems; and,

Whereas, the future of our state and nation depends upon the education of our young people;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Council of PTAs supports funding of North Carolina's public schools so that every child has the opportunity to reach his or her educational potential. We petition the North Carolina legislature to fully support our public schools, teachers and students.