



**WHEREAS**, Guilford County Schools is committed to always seeking the kinder option in all decision-making processes for the good of all people. Research concludes, kindness is one of the most important habits we can develop on our journey to sustainable happiness. It is an essential key to life: one in which we remain healthy physically, mentally, and emotionally. Kindness costs little but pays huge dividends in our own lives and in the lives of those we touch.

**WHEREAS**, Guilford County Schools staff and students embrace social and emotional learning practices. These practices support our district-wide effort to provide opportunities for staff and students to become more self-aware in order to build self-efficacy and develop a growth mindset; socially aware, where we are empathetic and appreciate diversity; successfully self-manage our emotions to support goal setting and stress management; build upon relationship skills to work productively with others; and make responsible decisions by adequately analyzing situations, engaging in reflective practices, and being ethical;

**WHEREAS**, Guilford County Schools will be aware and ensure all members and visitors are welcomed in with a warm smile and hello providing a secure sense of belonging. We will always be alert and on-guard to ensure the division of politics never has a part to play in our organization that strives for collaboration and transparency to positively impact all students, their families, and the community;

**WHEREAS**, Guilford County Schools commits to being an "Agent for Positive Change" through having a greater purpose where goodwill initiatives of management and staff are not just supported they are actively embraced through events such as World Kindness Day (November 13) Random Act of Kindness Week (Second Week of February) and identifying Goodwill Ambassadors to support our district;

**WHEREAS**, Guilford County Schools' Character Development Department will represent the district as our Goodwill Ambassadors and each month implement intentional Acts of Kindness (an opportunity where all students and staff members can be involved in acts of kindness), and teachers and administrators will foster and celebrate kindness throughout their school communities.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** Guilford County Schools intentionally serves our students, families, staff, and community in the kindest way in order to build a district-wide culture that illuminates social and emotional learning to ensure everyone feels welcomed, secure and engaged.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Alan W. Duncan, Chairman  
Guilford County Schools Board of Education

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County Schools

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