



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Thursday May 27: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; [click here](#) for more info

Thursday May 27: Webinar *Wonder Years, Transitioning from Middle to High School*; 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm; to register, call Terri at 1-866-740-4135 x

Welcome to the Guilford Education Alliance newsletter. We hope you find this informative and helpful!

Also, be sure to join our [Facebook page!](#)

Urge Support for \$23 Billion for Education Jobs on May 26th!

The U.S. House of Representatives is about to consider an emergency supplemental spending bill that will provide funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and representatives are debating whether to include funds to save education jobs and maintain high-quality programs in our districts. Congressional leaders need to know about the importance of this funding. If they do not act soon, it will be too late. **Please consider contacting Representatives Richard Burr, Howard Coble, Kay Hagan, Brad Miller and Mel Watt with a phone call and the information shown below on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, and share this with others.**

1. School districts are in the tough position of cutting 275,000 education jobs in the next school year. The proposed \$23 billion in federal support would be enough to prevent eliminating these critical positions. However, with the school year coming to a close, the time to act is now.

2. K-12 education jobs continue to be cut because state and local revenues lag behind the recovery in other parts of the economy by 18 months. But cutting education jobs now will only hurt our students and set our education efforts back.

3. Be sure to personalize: If your district is planning to make cuts for the coming school year, please tell your story. Be sure to talk about the anticipated cuts and how the cuts will impact services to students in your district.

4. The Economic Policy Institute has estimated that 30,000 other jobs will be lost for every 100,000 education jobs lost. This

Thursday June 10: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; [click here](#) for more info

Wednesday June 16: Webinar *Building Connections to Support Literacy: Systems of Early Learning for Children Birth to Age 8*; 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm; [email](#) Ki Lagomarsino for more info

Tuesday June 22:

Webinar *Successful Early Childhood Home Visitation State Systems*; 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm; [email](#) Ki Lagomarsino for more info

Thursday June 24: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; [click here](#) for more info

Summer Programs

UNC-G Dream Camp

Dream Camp is a therapeutic and recreational day camp designed for children aged 8 to 18 with Asperger's Disorder. The main focus of the camp is to enhance social skills and to help children cope with the common challenges they face. Campers will also enjoy art, music and outdoor activities!

2010 Camp Dates:
June 28-July 2
July 19-23
August 9-13

For more information, call Sarah O'Rourke at 336-346-3196 x. 704.

Greensboro Children's Museum

The Greensboro Children's Museum offers morning, half-day, summer enrichment camps for children ages 4 - 11 years old! Over 18 camps are available throughout the summer with different themes like science, music, art, nature, cooking, construction, fantasy, and gardening! [Click here](#) for a list of the camps and how to register.

means 275,000 education job cuts will translate into an additional 82,000 job losses in other sectors, bringing the total job losses to 357,000. These losses would damage the economic recovery that has started to gain steam.

[Click here](#) for more information!

Board Approved Local Budget Request for 2010-2011

The Guilford County Board of Education approved Tuesday (May 11th) a local budget request of \$178,588,580.78. The request includes a slight increase in funding from the Guilford County Board of Commissioners. The board will ask the county for a less than 2 percent increase over last year's appropriation for operating funds and slightly less than a 1 percent increase over a two-year period... [read more](#)

State Superintendent and Education Leaders Call on Lawmakers to Fund Schools First

State Superintendent June Atkinson today (May 24th) was joined by state education leaders at a news conference to call on North Carolina lawmakers to stand firm on funding public schools first and to recognize the deep and abiding costs of short-changing North Carolina children's education... [read more](#)

Priorities Compete for Place in State Budget

The governor and lawmakers are hoping to set aside funds for new higher education and transportation projects, despite facing a budget that has required cuts to many programs and services... [read more](#)

N.C. House Holds Public Hearing on State Budget

Dozens of people representing patients, educators and health care providers urged House budget-writers Monday night (May 24th) to protect their programs from additional spending cuts when they draw up their state government budget for the coming year... [read more](#)

NC House Budget-Writers Detail Saving \$200 Million More

House budget-writers are considering siphoning more lottery funds to preserve teacher positions in North Carolina than the Senate did and eliminating in-state university tuition rates to out-of-state athletes. A House budget subcommittee met on Tuesday (May 25th) to discuss how they could cut an additional \$200 million beyond what the Senate did in its public education budget... [read more](#)

ANYTOWN

ANYTOWN 2010 is a human relations summer camp program provided by NCCJ. This program is designed to provide rising juniors and seniors with a valuable learning experience and a lot of fun. ANYTOWN campers are focused on learning about the value of leadership, respect, unity, inclusiveness, community-building and diversity.

Sessions are offered July 25-30 and August 1-6. Financial assistance is available. [Click here](#) for more info!

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Community Theatre of Greensboro

CTG is offering week-long (and 1 two week-long) Summer Theatre Camps. The students will put on a mini-production and will present it to family and friends at the end of the week.

Dates: June 14-August 20

Ages: 3-18 years old

[Click here](#) for cost and more information

Support Guilford Education Alliance

Guilford Education Alliance is dependent on donations from the community for its operating expenses. Please consider making a donation to support our initiatives and work to promote quality education in Guilford County. Together, we can motivate our entire community to promote and support education for our students and our future.

[Click here to donate](#)

Guilford County Schools Regions

[Click here](#) to view map of the new regions of GCS

Early Childhood Programs Face Cuts, Elimination

Smart Start, which provides funding to help pay for a range of early-childhood programs, and More at Four, a pre-kindergarten program for at-risk kids, would take some of the deepest cuts in the \$19 billion budget passed by the state Senate last week. Their cuts are smaller in raw-dollar terms, but fare poorly when compared to public schools or universities. Those who work in early-childhood education say relatively small savings now will cost more in the long run... [read more](#)

School Buses in 16 NC Counties Go Green

North Carolina is where the "blubber" hits the road as chicken fat and used cooking oil are now some of the ingredients in the fuel powering a number of the state's public school buses. In 2007, the state legislature established an annual target of a minimum of two percent biodiesel in public school buses statewide... [read more](#)

Plan B: Skip College

What's the key to success in the United States? Short of becoming a reality TV star, the answer is rote and, some would argue, rather knee-jerk: Earn a college degree... [read more](#)

L.A. Schools on Sharper Lookout for Gifted Students - And They Find Them

Few students were being recognized as academically gifted at 99th Street Elementary in South Los Angeles, a common scenario at campuses that enroll low-income minority students in the Los Angeles Unified School District. That's beginning to change... [read more](#)

Theories of Change Among Single Sex Schools

Single-sex schools for Black and Latino males emphasize the need to "undo" or "address" cultural and structural inequities, according to BLMSIS brief. Black and Latino males are more likely to obtain low test scores and grades, less likely to enroll in college, and more likely to drop out. However, while the problems are clear and undeniable, their causes are murky and complex... [read more](#)

Grant Opportunities

Applications Available for Toyota International Secondary School Teacher Program in Galapagos Islands

Deadline: June 25, 2010

The Toyota International Teacher Program offers fully funded, professional development opportunities abroad for U.S. educators. The program aims to advance environmental stewardship and global connectedness in U.S. schools and communities through creative, interdisciplinary, and solution-based teaching methods.

[Click here](#) to view the organization chart of superintendents



Learn how you can help fund projects in Guilford County Schools' classrooms through donations on DonorsChoose.org.

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http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=293600004

Applications Invited for Best Buy's @15 Community Grants Program

Deadline: July 1, 2010

Through the @15 Community Grants Program, Best Buy teams across the United States select nonprofit organizations that provide positive experiences designed to help teens excel in school, engage in their communities, and develop leadership skills.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=294300002

Toshiba America Foundation Accepting Applications for Classroom Innovators Grants

Deadline: August 1, 2010

Toshiba America Foundation Classroom Innovators Grants are available for schools serving students in grades 7- 12 across the United States. The grants will support innovative projects designed by math and science teachers to make their own classrooms more exciting and engaging for students.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=294300006

Libri Foundation Accepting Applications for Books for Children Program

Deadline: August 15, 2010

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide nonprofit organization that donates new, quality hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books for Children program.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=294300008

Keepers in the Classroom - NC Zoo

*Bring a NC Zookeeper to your classroom to present a fascinating program!

*Programs meet Standard Course of Study objectives and the zoo pays all the cost!

*If you want to implement a classroom environmental project- ie: a butterfly garden, bird feeding station, arts display around nature themes, compost site, recycling program- we will pay up to \$500.00 to support your efforts if you have a Keeper program.

Go to www.nczoo.org and click on the Education Link to fill out an application.

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