

## **Resolution Requesting Full Funding of North Carolina Schools**

**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**, 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, but especially those schools and counties that serve 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 400 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 ability to work and pay taxes 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 Board of Commissioners 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 provide funding, through all legal means including taxation, to fully support our public schools.

*Adopted by Board of the Guilford PTA Council, May 2009; the Board of Directors of the Guilford Education Alliance, May 29, 2009; and amended to read: "... We petition the North Carolina legislature to provide funding to fully support our public schools." Adopted by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners, June 11, 2009.*