



WAKE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Aligning Around Legislative Priorities

WCPSS Board of Education

February 16, 2021



Desired Outcomes

- Engage in a discussion of legislative priorities.
- Identify and gain alignment around legislative priority focus areas for the WCPSS Board of Education to highlight for advocacy.

Legislative Priorities for Review and Reference

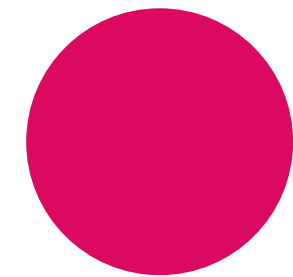
2021 Legislative Platforms

- North Carolina Schools Board Association (NCSBA)
[NCSBA 2021 Legislative Agenda](#)
- North Carolina Association of School Administrators (NCASA)
[NCASA 2021 Legislative and Policy Priorities](#)
- NC State Board of Education/Department of Public Instruction
[SBE/DPI Priorities](#)
- Wake Ed Partnership
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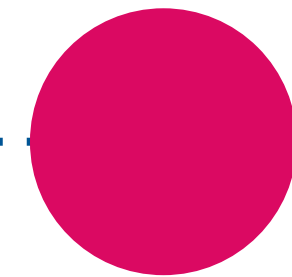
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By Legislative Priority category:



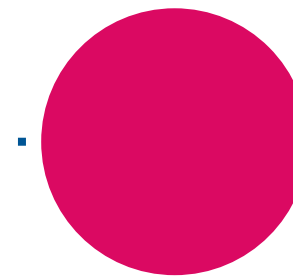
For each item

- What questions do you have for each other in order to fully understand this item?
- What do you need to be fully aligned with this item?



Ensuring alignment

- With a fist to five process, indicate where your individual energy is
- Council to understand areas of low energy or concern
- Suggestions for upgrades



Identify the Missing

- BOE members will share any additional thoughts about that suggestion



Operations and Governance

- Improve broadband infrastructure and connectivity and increase flexibility in funding and funding parameters for purchasing technology devices
- Allow K-3 class size waivers based upon inadequate space and/or teacher qualifications
- Fund academic programs that address current and post-COVID learning opportunities
- Support legislation returning Wake County Board of Education to staggered 4 year terms
- Fund COVID relief resources - PPE, cleaning supplies, vaccinations



Staffing and Accountability

- Provide 2020-2021 waiver and/or suspension of testing and accountability measures, including school labels and letter grades
- Hold district harmless for any funding loss in 2021-2022 due to enrollment declines
- Provide permanent funding for additional support personnel such as counselors, nurses, social workers, etc.



Talent Recruitment and Acquisition

- Support efforts to promote greater diversity in the teaching workforce
- Approve a competitive salary schedule that includes increase in pay for all employees; including a living wage for all non-certified and classified staff
- Reinstate career status, advanced degree pay, and retirement benefits, including health coverage for employees that were employed on or after January 1, 2021

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