

2021 Legislative Agenda: A Roadmap to Student Success

The Wake County Board of Education supports the guiding principles of the NC School Boards Association's 2021-2022 Legislative Agenda with a particular emphasis on the following:

Operations & Governance

K-3 Class Size: Allow waivers based on a lack of facilities or a lack of available certified teachers in 2021-2022.

School Calendar: Clearly define year-round calendars and improve alignment with community college calendars.

Funding: Increase funding flexibility to improve learning opportunities. Increase AIG funding to reflect district enrollment. Increase special education funding beyond 1993 levels.

Staffing & Accountability

Testing Waiver: Suspend testing and accountability measures in 2021, including school labels and letter grades.

Teacher allotments: Hold funding harmless in 2021-2022 for enrollment declines caused by COVID-19.

Support staff: Increase investments in counselors, nurses, social workers and similar support staff.

Talent Recruitment, Acquisition & Retention

Pay: Approve competitive salaries for all employees with an emphasis on teacher pay and a \$15 per hour minimum wage for support staff.

Diversity: Support programs that improve teacher diversity.

Benefits: Restore career status and advanced degree pay for current employees and restore health coverage for employees hired after January 1, 2021.

Infrastructure

Construction Bond: Place a statewide school construction bond on the ballot.

Technology: Improve broadband infrastructure and connectivity. Improve tech support with more funding flexibility.

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WCPSS Core Beliefs

All Wake County Public School System students will be prepared to reach their full potential and lead productive lives in a complex and changing world.

#1 Every student is uniquely capable and deserves to be challenged and engaged in relevant, rigorous, and meaningful learning each day.

#2 Every student is expected to learn, grow, and succeed while we eliminate the ability to predict achievement based on socioeconomic status, race, and ethnicity.

#3 Well-supported, highly-effective, and dedicated principals, teachers, and staff are essential to success for all students.

#4 The Board of Education, superintendent, and all staff, while sustaining best practices, will promote and support a culture of continuous improvement, risk-taking, and innovation that results in a high-performing organization focused on student achievement.

#5 The Board of Education, superintendent, and all staff value a diverse school community that is inviting, respectful, inclusive, flexible, and supportive.

#6 The Wake County residents value a strong public school system and will partner to provide the support and resources to fully realize our shared vision, accomplish the mission, and sustain our core beliefs.