

## **Support for the 2019-2020 WCPSS Board of Education Budget Request**

### **A Resolution of the Wake County Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Council Board of Directors**

**Wake County PTA Council has 188 PTA member units in Wake County and represents thousands of parents, teachers, students, and community PTA members.**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the PTA is:

1. To support and advocate for children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
2. To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children;  
and
3. To encourage parent and public involvement in public schools.

**WHEREAS**, our strong public education system is the heart and soul of the economic strength of our county.

**WHEREAS**, the Wake County Public School System continues to experience overcrowding at dozens of our schools that exceed 100 percent capacity and that nearly 1,000 classroom trailers are used each day;

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the Wake County Public School System to provide a relevant and engaging education and graduate students who are collaborative, creative, effective communicators and critical thinkers;

**WHEREAS**, increased local funding is necessary for:

- Meeting legislative requirements for the financial support of charter schools, costs associated with smaller K-3 classes and an increase in local costs for retirement and insurance;
- Creating four new schools to alleviate the overcrowding due to residential growth in western Wake County;
- Creating competitive salaries for custodians, child nutrition workers, bus drivers and skilled laborers such as fleet mechanics, HVAC technicians and clerical staff;
- Providing additional assistant principals at schools with more than 900 students; and continuing the multi-year plan to hire more social workers, psychologists, counselors and nurses.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wake County PTA Council Board of Directors hereby expresses its support for funding of the WCPSS Board of Education Budget increase of \$48.3 million for the 2019-2020 school year.

***Kassandra Watson, President***