



## Support for the 2017-2018 WCPSS Board of Education Budget Request

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

Adopted May 30, 2017

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

1. To support and speak on behalf of 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 the public schools of this nation;

**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 tremendous growth year after year.

**WHEREAS**, the Wake County Public School System is committed to graduating at least 95% of our students on time, as promised to the Wake County Community through the Vision 2020 Strategic Planning process,

**WHEREAS**, increased funding is needed to

- Continue to open and operate new schools in Wake County, including four new schools for 2017-2018: Hortons Creek Elementary, Rogers Lane Elementary, River Bend Middle, and North Wake College and Career Academy
- Continue to renovate older school facilities in Wake County
- Begin a 3-year plan to hire school counselors and social workers at the nationally recommended student ratios
- Increase salaries for locally-funded employees to match an estimated 3% salary increase legislated by the state for state-funded employees
- Continue the 5-year plan of increasing extra-duty pay for academic and athletic coaches, currently entering year 3
- Create/revise magnet themes at Lincoln Heights Elementary, Bugg Elementary, Millbrook Elementary, and Southeast Raleigh High School
- Enhance professional development for teachers and staff through the expansion of the Office of Equity Affairs and develop strategies fostering respect, fair treatment, and successful outcomes for all students.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wake County PTA Council Board of Directors hereby expresses its strong support for full funding of the WCPSS Board of Education Budget Request to the Wake County Board of Commissioners for the 2017-18 school year.

*Hardin Engelhardt, President*