



## **Support for the 2018-2019 WCPSS Board of Education Budget Request**

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

Adopted May 16, 2018

**Wake County PTA Council has 143 PTA member units in Wake County and represents thousands of PTA members, parents, and teachers.**

**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 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 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**, we recommend the following; that Wake County

- Fund at least \$48M of the school board's request of \$58.9M in additional funding to ensure that the current level of service for our 160,000 students is maintained
- Allocate an additional \$18M over what is currently proposed by using existing and projected revenues and by using the county's ample fund balance
- Put the School Bond Referendum on the November 6th ballot
- Begin a 3-year plan to hire school counselors and social workers at the nationally recommended student ratios
- Consider the expansion budget of \$11M proposed by the school board to hire more counselors, social workers, and nurses and to also expand the number of children who can be served in the Academically Gifted Program. We urge Commissioners to find funds to increase both of these budget requests at some level. Our children desperately need these support services.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wake County PTA Council Board of Directors hereby expresses its strong support for funding of the WCPSS Board of Education Budget Request of at least \$48 million for the 2018-19 school year.

*Julie von Haefen, President*