



## **Resolution in Support of Educators on May 16, 2018**

Whereas, the Executive Boards of the Joyner PTA and J.Y. Joyner Foundation believe that

- Every child must be provided with a high-quality education to ensure that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential and become productive members of society.
- High-quality education requires highly-qualified educators in every classroom.
- The ability to attract, retain and support excellent educators depends on providing school systems with adequate resources.

Whereas, North Carolina's per-pupil spending and teacher salaries continue to be below the national average.

Whereas, the North Carolina General Assembly will reconvene for the 2018 short session on Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

Whereas, teachers are using annual or personal leave to rally at the North Carolina General Assembly to request

- Significant investment in per-pupil spending so students have the resources to be successful.
- A multi-year professional pay plan for educators, education support professionals, administrators and all other school personnel, including restoration of compensation for advanced degrees and longevity and an end to flat-lining of experienced educator's pay.
- Investment in students' health, well-being and safety through increased school nurses, counselors, social workers and other support personnel.
- Repairs to the state's crumbling schools and reduction of large class sizes with a Statewide School Construction Bond.

Whereas, this Executive Board recognizes the tremendous effort and sacrifices our educators make on behalf of our students every day.

Whereas, we believe educators' presence on May 16 at the NCGA is an important and courageous extension of that effort and sacrifice.

Therefore Be it Resolved, we stand in solidarity with our educators on May 16 at the March for Students and the Rally for Respect, and we urge the state's legislators to give these educators their full attention.

*Adopted by the Executive Boards of the Joyner PTA and J.Y. Joyner Foundation  
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