



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GUILFORD

Resolution

Explaining the Potential Impact of the 2026 Constitutional Amendments on Guilford County Schools

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has a constitutional duty to provide each child with the opportunity to receive a sound, basic education, and the Guilford County Board of Education carries out its educational mission using the resources provided by federal, state, and local governments and within the limits of those resources; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2026, and at early voting, North Carolina voters will consider two proposed constitutional amendments to the State's constitution that could limit the ability of state and local officials to adequately fund public services, specifically public education; and

WHEREAS, the proposed income tax amendment seeks to cap the state income tax rate at 3.5%, potentially reducing revenue available to the State's General Fund and other state funds that support education, healthcare, public safety, transportation, human services, and other essential government operations; and

WHEREAS, a second referendum asks voters whether to approve a proposed property tax amendment that states, "Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments"; and

WHEREAS, these proposed constitutional amendments, in combination, could reduce state revenue available to support public education while shifting a greater financial burden to local governments, including Guilford County, which have more limited options to raise revenue to address potential funding shortfalls and maintain the quality of education provided by Guilford County Schools and deserving of the children of Guilford County; and

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Board of Education believes it is important to ensure that the people of Guilford County understand the significant negative financial impacts that these constitutional amendments could have on the Guilford County Schools and the education afforded to the children of Guilford County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Guilford County Board of Education expresses its concern that the proposed constitutional amendments could restrict the ability of state and local governments to provide adequate and sustainable funding for public education and encourages Guilford County residents to carefully consider the potential implications for students, schools, and communities served by Guilford County.

Signed, this 13th day of October 2026

Deena A. Hayes, Chairperson
Guilford County Board of Education

ATTEST:

Whitney Oakley, Ed.D., Superintendent/Secretary
Guilford County Schools