

Hickory Public Schools
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Hickory Public Schools Board of Education
Resolution to Increase Dropout Age from 16-18 Years Old

Whereas, the mission of the Hickory Public Schools Board of Education is to serve as the primary advocate for the success of all children in our public schools, and

Whereas, a vital component of the mission of the Hickory Public Schools is to encourage and help all students earn their high school diploma being both College and Career Ready; and

Whereas, employment opportunities in Catawba County for young men and women who have not obtained a high school diploma have greatly diminished over the years; and

Whereas, the Hickory Public Schools offers an array of vocational training as well as apprenticeship/internship opportunities that prepare our students for life beyond high school; and

Whereas, Hickory Public Schools maintains strong partnerships with a variety of Community Agencies in providing additional interventions for our students with specialized academic, emotional, and life needs; and

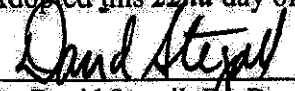
Whereas, to foster the institutionalization of interventions and supports for ALL students there is a necessity for permanence of the Dropout Age Increase Legislation; and

Whereas, Newton-Conover City Hickory Public Schools has been continuing to reduce the dropout rate and increase the cohort graduation rates;

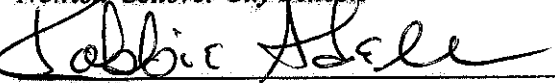
Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Newton-Conover City Schools and Hickory Public Schools Boards of Education hereby requests all North Carolina State Legislators to submit, as soon as possible, legislation enabling the Hickory Public Schools to extend the requirement for all students in Hickory Public Schools to attend school until they are graduated from high school or the completion of the school year of their 18th birthday continuing with the 2016-2017 school year through the 2020-2021 school year.

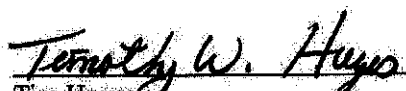
Adopted this 22nd day of August, 2016.



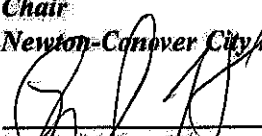
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Whereas, the mission of the Newton-Conover City Schools Board of Education is to provide Hope and Direction for ALL students; and

Whereas, a vital component of the mission of the Newton-Conover City Schools is to encourage and help all students earn their high school diploma being both College and Career Ready; and

Whereas, employment opportunities in Catawba County for young men and women who have not obtained a high school diploma have greatly diminished over the years; and

Whereas, the Newton-Conover City Schools offers an array of vocational training as well as apprenticeship/internship opportunities that prepare our students for life beyond high school; and

Whereas, the planned Vocational High School funded by the Catawba County Commissioners and Catawba Valley Community College will offer additional opportunities for Newton-Conover City Schools students; and

Whereas, Newton-Conover City Schools maintains a strong partnerships with a variety of Community Agencies in providing additional interventions for our students with specialized academic, emotional, and life needs; and

Whereas, to foster the institutionalization of interventions and supports for ALL students there is a necessity for permanence of the Dropout Age Increase Legislation; and

Whereas, Newton-Conover City Schools has been recognized among the lowest dropout rates and highest cohort graduation rates in the State of North Carolina;

Now, *Therefore*, be it

Resolved, that the Newton-Conover City Schools and Hickory Public Schools Boards of Education hereby requests all North Carolina State Legislators to submit, as soon as possible, legislation enabling the Newton-Conover City Schools to extend the requirement for all students in Newton-Conover City Schools to attend school until they are graduated from high school or the completion of the school year of their 18th birthday beginning with the 2016-2017 school year through the 2020-2021 school year.

Adopted this *15th* day of *August*, 2016.

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