



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - JULY 2021



## THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



# Legislative Update

- Overall Bills Introduced: 1699 (as of 7/01/2021)
  - House Bills = 971 | Senate Bills = 728
- K-12 Public Education Bills: 330
- K-12 Bills that made Crossover 149+
  - [2021 Non-Revenue and Non-Appropriations Bills Crossover List](#)
- K-12 Bills that have become [Session Law](#)

Bill	Short Title	Action Text	Bill	Short Title	Action Text
<a href="#">H53</a>	<a href="#">Educ. Changes for Military-Connected Students.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-9	<a href="#">S36</a>	<a href="#">2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-1
<a href="#">H82</a>	<a href="#">Summer Learning Choice for NC Families.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-7	<a href="#">S172</a>	<a href="#">Additional COVID-19 Response &amp; Relief.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-25
<a href="#">H85</a>	<a href="#">Cleveland Cty Bd of Ed Vacancies.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-28	<a href="#">S220</a>	<a href="#">The Reopen Our Schools Act of 2021.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-4
<a href="#">H142</a>	<a href="#">UNC Building Reserves/Certain Projects.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-19	<a href="#">S277</a>	<a href="#">Ret. &amp; Treasury Tech. Corrections Act of 2021.-AB</a>	Ch. SL 2021-60
<a href="#">H160</a>	<a href="#">Retirement Service Purchase Rewrite Part II.-AB</a>	Ch. SL 2021-57	<a href="#">S288</a>	<a href="#">Rutherford College/Bd. of Ed. Burke/Caldwell.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-51
<a href="#">H196</a>	<a href="#">2021 COVID-19 Response &amp; Relief.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-3	<a href="#">S387</a>	<a href="#">Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-8
<a href="#">H356</a>	<a href="#">Speaker/PPT Appointments 2021.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-6	<a href="#">S582</a>	<a href="#">High School Adjunct Instructors/CC Prep.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-48
<a href="#">H395</a>	<a href="#">HIE Deadline Extension &amp; Patient Protection.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-26	<a href="#">S722</a>	<a href="#">Revise Local Gov't Redistricting/Census.</a>	Ch. SL 2021-56

## [Legislative Updates](#)



# Legislative Update: Budget

**The North Carolina Senate introduced and passed S105: 2021 Appropriations Act.**

[All Legislative Budget Documents](#) | [All Annotated Committee Reports](#) | [Budget Glossary](#) | [The Budget Process](#)

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    - EdNC: [What's in the Senate budget? Three percent teacher pay raises, federally funded bonuses, tons of money for broadband, and more](#)
    - EdNC: [Perspective | \\$6.5 billion state surplus: Let's meet this moment by investing in our people](#)
- **Budget Revenue - Office of State Budget Management**
  - [June 2021 Consensus General Fund Revenue Forecast](#) - *The report shows that North Carolina is on solid ground and in strong financial condition.*
  - Budget revenue is projected to be \$6.04B above the May 2020 forecast
- **Federal Covid Relief**
  - Education Week: [Federal Rules in the Pipeline on COVID-19 Relief, Testing, Student Privacy](#)
  - [NC Office of State Budget Management - Understanding the American Rescue Plan](#)

## **[Governor's Budget Recommendations FY 2021-2023](#)**

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- [Education](#) | [Ensuring a Sound Basic Education for All Students](#)



# Legislative Update: Budget

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  - **DPI Financial and Business Services**
    - [S105 Summary](#)
    - [ESSER III](#)
    - [Comparison of Money Report](#)
- **House Appropriations – Education Committee Meeting**
  - [June 29 and 30, 2021 Meeting](#)
  - [Education Section - Committee Report](#) | [Education Provisions](#)
- **EdNC:** Perspective | \$6.5 billion state surplus: Let's meet this moment by investing in our people [Matt Bristow-Smith](#), [Mariah Morris](#), [Maureen Stover](#), [Kisha Clemons](#), [Eugenia Floyd](#) and [Elena Ashburn](#)



# S105: 2021 Appropriations Act

- **HIGHLIGHTS of S105: 2021 Appropriations Act.**
  - **Summary of Senate Budget Proposal**
    - **Salary and Personnel**
      - Teachers and Instructional Support, Assistant Principals, Principals, Non-Certified and Central Office
      - Premium Pay Bonus- \$302,838,663 (NR)
        - » \$1,000 bonus for full-time LEA, charter, ISD and regional school employees regardless of funding source
        - » Provides an additional \$500 bonus to employees with an annual salary of less than \$75,000.
    - **Allotments**
      - School Psychologist Allotment- \$40,862,520 (R) (\$31,010,969 (R))
        - » New position allocation restricted for school psychologists. Reduces the instructional support position allotment for the current 362 FTE of school psychologists coded to the PRC007.
        - » Creates a new position allotment on a per ADM basis with a minimum of one position per LEA.
        - » No transfer out with the exception of conversion at the beginning step of a school psychologist for contracting. LEAs required to employ at least 1 full time permanent school psychologist.



# S105: 2021 Appropriations Act -Continued-

- **HIGHLIGHTS of S105: 2021 Appropriations Act.**
  - **Summary of Senate Budget Proposal**
    - **Exceptional Children Transportation Reserve Fund- \$3,000,000 (NR)**
      - DPI may use the special State Reserve Fund to cover extraordinary transportation costs for high needs children with disabilities attending LEAs and charter schools.
      - Establish the Transportation Reserve Fund for Homeless & Foster Children to provide a grant program to cover these students as defined by McKinney Vento
      - No funding included in 2023
      - Report required March 15, 2022
    - **Connectivity- \$4,600,000 (R)**
    - **School Technology Fund- \$18,000,000 (R)**
    - **Feminine Hygiene Product Grant- \$250,000 (NR)**
      - Grants of up to \$5,000 to PSUs to provide products for students. Grants shall be first come first serve.



# S105: 2021 Appropriations Act -Continued-

- **HIGHLIGHTS of S105: 2021 Appropriations Act.**
  - **Summary of Senate Budget Proposal**
    - **ALLOTMENT ADJUSTMENTS**
      - **ADM Hold Harmless**
        - » SBE shall not reduce allocations to applicable PSUs due to a discrepancy between actual and anticipated ADM
        - » Required report due January 15, 2022. DPI is to provide a report with the amount by each funding allotment that the allocations would have been reduced if there was no hold harmless.
      - **Children with Disabilities Reserve- \$40,000,000 (NR)**
        - » Reserve for allocations to PSUs which enroll EC students during the first two months of the school than DPI anticipated with the April headcount. Funding is capped at 12.75% of ADM including any reserve amounts.
      - **Renewal School System Evaluation- \$300,000 (NR)**
      - **Cooperative Innovative High School- \$1,800,000 (R)**
      - **Advanced Teaching Roles- \$2,040,000 (R)**
      - **School Safety Grants- \$10,000,000 (NR)**



# S105: 2021 Appropriations Act -Continued-

- **HIGHLIGHTS of S105: 2021 Appropriations Act.**
  - **Summary of Senate Budget Proposal**
    - **State Level Support**
      - Economic and Finance Literacy- \$1,063,800 (NR)
    - **Capital**
      - Changes to Needs Based Public School Capital Fund- \$157,552,612
    - **Information Technology**
      - **K-12 Business System Modernization- \$48,748,522 (NR)**
        - » Budget receipts from IT Reserve. Includes funding for ERP, licensure and financial transparency. \$37.9m in the second year.
      - **Charter School Data Management- \$250,000 (R)**
        - » Provides funds for cloud based data platform for charter schools used by DPI to monitor charters
      - **CTE Data Collection and Assessment- \$850,000 (R)**
      - **IT Subscription Support- \$593,597 (R)**
      - **Subscription Rate Increase- \$876,883 (R) TeachNC Recruitment Initiative \$880,000 (NR)**
        - » DPI shall adopt TeachNC recruitment initiative as a comprehensive web platform for future teachers to find information and comment with resources on the teaching profession in NC including licensure and opportunities.
        - » Funding in IT reserves section TeachNC for program development and support
        - » 1 FTE Administrator/Recruiter funded





# S105: 2021 Appropriations Act -Continued-

- **HIGHLIGHTS of S105: 2021 Appropriations Act.**
  - **Summary of Senate Budget Proposal**
    - **DPI Other**
      - **Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021 Implementation Guide/Report**
        - » The Superintendent shall establish a working group to develop an implementation guide for EPSA, established in SL2021-8
        - » Report required by November 15, 2021
      - **Early Grade Literacy- \$6,000,000 (NR)**
        - » DPI funds to carry out SL2021-8 Read to Achieve
      - **Computer Science Funding and Report- \$5,000,000 (NR)**
        - » Provides funding for the Computer Science Initiative at DPI. Including 5 FTE. 750,000 (R)
        - » Total appropriation \$6.1m
        - » Computer Science Report due Feb 15, 2022 on use of the funds and the # of teachers prepared to teach computer science.
      - **Governors School- \$800,000 (R)**
        - » Additional funding. Total appropriation \$1.6m



# S105: 2021 Appropriations Act -Continued-

- **HIGHLIGHTS of S105: 2021 Appropriations Act.**
  - **Summary of Senate Budget Proposal**
    - **DPI Other**
      - **Eliminate Innovation Zone Grants (\$450,552) (R)**
        - » Repeals related general statute language.
      - **Transition from the Innovative School District Model**
        - » Report by Feb 15, 2022
        - » End additional selections
        - » Repeals language effective June 30, 2023
      - **Medicaid Reimbursement Contract for Residential Schools**
        - » DPI shall contract with a 3rd party for administrative services under Medicaid for the residential schools
        - » Report required by September 15, 2021 on the terms of the contract
      - **Extend Student Meal Debt Report**
        - » Report to the JLEOC on unpaid meals in LEAs. No later than October 15, 2023
        - » Funds to provide school lunches at no cost to students qualifying for reduced price meals in all
        - » NSLP schools
      - **School Health Support Personnel Professional Entry Report**
        - » DPI report



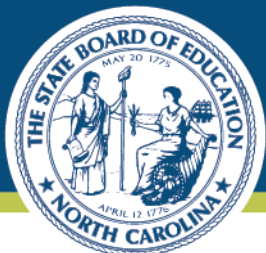
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- **HIGHLIGHTS of S105: 2021 Appropriations Act.**
  - **Summary of Senate Budget Proposal**
    - **DPI Other**
      - **Full Time Equivalency of Public School Students**
        - » Amends GS 115C-419. Requires the SBE to establish a formula for determining full time equivalency of a student in PSU for purposes of providing State funds on a per pupil basis.
        - » Formula shall include the amount of instructional time required for the school day for a full time student.
        - » Report required Oct 15 annually on the FTE by grade of the prior year. Requires that it separates out the enrollment in courses in NCVPS, IHEs and non public schools.
      - **Career & College Ready Graduate Program Support**
        - » DPI shall partner with the NROC project – no funding provided
      - **DPI Reorganization Authority**
        - » Continues the authority provided in 2018-19. Lists 9 entities that may not be affected. Includes language related to the \$1.4m impact of the change in the indirect cost rate.
      - **DPI Positions**
        - » DPI Internal Audit 2 positions \$300,000 (R)
        - » DPI Financial & Business Service 3 positions \$330,000 (R)
        - » Innovative School District 1 Position \$50,000 (R)
        - » TeachNC Administrator



# S105: 2021 Appropriations Act -Continued-

- **HIGHLIGHTS of S105: 2021 Appropriations Act.**
  - **Senate Proposal for Use of ESSER III Funds in Section 7.27**
    - After School Grants- \$36,000,000
    - Summer Program Grants- \$36,000,000
    - Learning Management System- \$10,000,000
    - In-Person Tutoring Initiative- \$10,000,000
    - Contracted School Health Grant- \$15,000,000
    - Low Performing Grants- \$15,000,000
    - NC Preschool Pyramid Grant- \$500,000
    - Science of Reading PD- \$37,500,000
    - Software for Individual Learning- \$9,000,000
    - Other- \$13,200,000



# Legislative Update:

## K-12 Ed Bills – That moved the week of 6/21/21

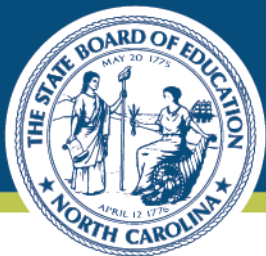
Bill	Short Title	Bill	Short Title
<a href="#">H159</a>	<a href="#">Education Law Changes.</a> Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget on 6/30/2021	<a href="#">S105</a>	<a href="#">2021 Appropriations Act.</a> Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House on 6/29/2021
<a href="#">H168</a>	<a href="#">Retirement Administrative Changes Act of 2021.-AB</a> Pres. To Gov. 6/24/2021	<a href="#">S116</a>	<a href="#">Putting North Carolina Back to Work Act.</a> Pres. To Gov. 6/24/2021
<a href="#">H335</a>	<a href="#">Timely Local Payments to Charter Schools.</a> Pres. To Gov. 6/28/2021	<a href="#">S126</a>	<a href="#">Clean Up Obsolete Boards.</a> Failed Concur In H Com Sub on 6/29/2021
<a href="#">H602</a>	<a href="#">UNC Legislative Priorities/HR/Reports.</a> Pres. To Gov. 6/28/2021	<a href="#">S159</a>	<a href="#">State Health Plan Administrative Changes.-AB</a> Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House on 6/22/2021
<a href="#">H707</a>	<a href="#">Student Borrowers' Bill of Rights.</a> Re-ref Com On Banking on 6/24/2021	<a href="#">S173</a>	<a href="#">Free the Smiles Act.</a> Failed Concur In H Com Sub on 6/30/2021
<a href="#">H911</a>	<a href="#">Regulatory Reform 2.0.</a> Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House on 6/24/2021	<a href="#">S450</a>	<a href="#">Various Education Changes.</a> Failed Concur In H Com Sub on 6/29/2021
<a href="#">S43</a>	<a href="#">Protect Religious Meeting Places.</a> <b>Vetoed</b> Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 6/21/2021	<a href="#">S668</a>	<a href="#">Anti-Pension Spiking Amds &amp; Litig. Moratorium.</a> Pres. To Gov. 6/24/2021
<a href="#">S87</a>	<a href="#">Medicaid Reimbursement/Charter Schools.</a> Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House on 6/22/2021		



# Legislative Update:

## Bills to Watch

Bill	Short Title	Bill Sponsors
<a href="#">H159</a>	<a href="#">Education Law Changes.</a>   <a href="#">Bill Summary</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PART I: Flexibility to Receive Annual Salary in 12 Monthly Installments through a Payroll Deduction Plan</li><li>• PART II: Change Report Date for Student Meal Debt Report to October 15, 2023.</li><li>• PART III: Revise Operating Balance Restrictions for School Nutrition Programs</li><li>• PART IV: Charter School Application Fee of \$1,000 for initial and renewal charter applications.</li><li>• PART V: State Board of Education Required to Use Rulemaking to Adopt Standards for Standard Course of Study</li><li>• PART VI: Bonuses of \$350.00 for Teachers and Instructional Personnel at the Schools:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Governor Morehead School for the Blind</li><li>• Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf</li><li>• North Carolina School for the Deaf</li></ul></li><li>• <i>Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget on 6/30/2021</i></li></ul>	<a href="#">Torbett</a> ; <a href="#">Blackwell</a>
<a href="#">H911</a>	<a href="#">Regulatory Reform 2.0.</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Would amend 115C-270.20. Licensure requirements.</li><li>• Create lottery exemption for grandchildren of board members</li><li>• <i>Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House on 6/24/2021</i></li></ul>	<a href="#">Riddell</a> ; <a href="#">Bradford</a> ; <a href="#">Moffitt</a> ; <a href="#">Yarborough</a>



# Legislative Update:

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<a href="#">S173</a>	<a href="#">Free the Smiles Act.</a>   <a href="#">Bill Summary</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No later than August 1, 2021, a local board of education shall vote on any policy requiring mandatory face coverings for employees and students during the instructional day that will apply in the first instructional month of the 2021-2022 school year.</li><li>Governing boards of K-12 schools would have authority to determine the use of face coverings in schools.</li><li>The Governor would have authority to require the use of face coverings in individual schools during a state of emergency to reduce the transmission of an airborne communicable disease.</li><li><b><i>Failed Concur In H Com Sub on 6/30/2021</i></b></li></ul>	<a href="#">Krawiec</a> ; <a href="#">Burgin</a> ; <a href="#">Perry</a>
<a href="#">S654</a>	<a href="#">K-12 COVID-19 Provisions.</a>   <a href="#">Bill Summary</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Make changes to address the impact of COVID-19 in public schools and would direct the use of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund reserve funds.</li><li><b><i><a href="#">Conf Com Appointed on 6/15/2021</a></i></b></li></ul>	<a href="#">Ballard</a> ; <a href="#">Davis</a> ; <a href="#">Lee</a>



# SB 654: K-12 COVID-19 Provisions

## House Proposal for Use of ESSER III Funds (Amendment)

### — Section 12

- \$20,000,000- (1) PSU Supplemental Funds
- \$1,500,000- (2) Residential Schools Facility Repairs and Improvements
- \$36,000,000- (3) After/ Before School Programs
- \$36,000,000- (4) Summer Programs
- \$10,000,000- (5) Competency Based Education Platform (Credit by Demonstrated Mastery 7-12)
- \$10,000,000- (6) Common Learning Management System (K-5)
- \$37,500,000- (7) Teacher and Principal Professional Development for Science of Reading Implementation
- \$2,500,000- (9) 5 FTE for Office of Learning Recovery and Acceleration
- \$500,000- (10) NC Preschool Pyramid Model
- \$17,000,000- (11) Contracted School Health Support
- \$21,000,000- (15) Contract with 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Entity for Technology to Mitigate Cyberbullying and Monitor Student Internet Activity
- \$100,000,000- (17) 11-Month Salary Option for Teachers
- \$18,000,000- (20) District Coaching Support and PD for Teachers/ Principals/ School Improvement Teams
- \$5,000,000- (21) College Advising Corps
- \$2,400,000- (22) Communities in Schools of NC
- \$10,500,000- (23) CTE Innovative Pilot Grant program for Expansion of Credentials and Certifications
- \$13,200,000- (24) NC Education Corps
- \$10,000,000- (25) Contract with State Education Assistance Authority for Student Success Program
- OTHER- \$8,670,000



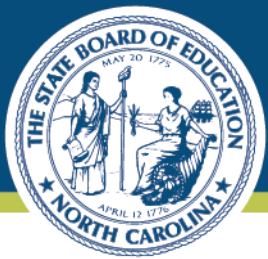


# 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities

Legislative Priority	Leandro Action Plan Priority Item 2020-21	Goals	Priorities <a href="#">Strategic Plan Action Framework</a>	Budget Needs	Policy Needs	Status
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## NC SBE- 2025 Statewide Strategic Plan

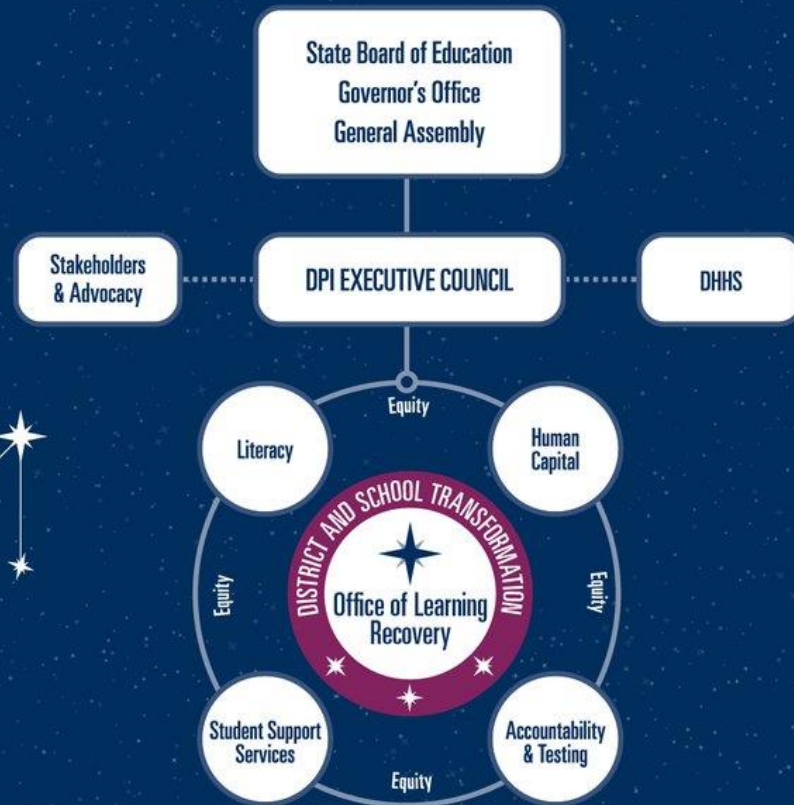
1. Early Grades Reading
2. Teacher Preparation, Professional Learning Opportunities, and Compensation
3. Principal Preparation, Professional Learning Opportunities, and Compensation
4. Supporting the Whole Child (Social/ Emotional and Student Mental Health)
5. School Accountability and Teacher Effectiveness Models
6. School and District Assistance and Turnaround
7. Connecting High School Students to Postsecondary and Career Opportunities



# Operation Polaris

## OPERATION POLARIS

Navigating Students Toward a Brighter Future





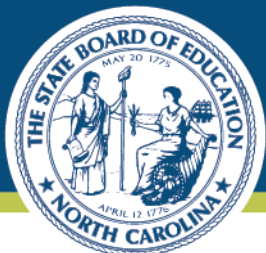
# 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities

Legislative Priority	1. Early Grades Reading - <a href="#">SBE K-3 Education Framework</a>
<b>Leandro Action Plan</b> <b>Priority Item- 2020-21</b>	<i>A System of Early Education that Provides Access to High-Quality Prekindergarten and Other Early Childhood Learning Opportunities</i>
<b>Goals – Superintendent</b> <b>Truitt’s Priorities</b> <b>(Operation Polaris) and</b> <b>NC State Board of</b> <b>Education’s</b> <a href="#">Strategic Plan Action</a> <a href="#">Framework</a>	<p><b>Priority #1- Literacy (Operation Polaris Working Group- Literacy)</b></p> <p><b>Goal 1- Eliminate Opportunity Gaps by 2025</b></p> <p>Objective 3: Increase percentage of 4-Year old children enrolled in state Pre-K from 22% to 34% (above the current national average)</p> <p><b>Goal 2- Improve School and District Performance by 2015</b></p> <p>Objective 1: Allocate financial, business, and technology resources according to State and Federal laws and SBE policies.</p> <p>Objective 2-6</p> <p>Objective 7: Increase number of schools meeting or exceeding growth measure by subgroup</p> <p>Objective 8: Increase the number of charter schools meeting or exceeding academic, operational, and financial goals</p>
<b>Legislative Priorities -</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support DPI/SBE approved guidance and resources to support the understanding and implementation of Science of Reading. This guidance will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify, fund, and implement a valid and reliable literacy screener or diagnostic that aligns with the SOR and administer to all K-3 students and 4-5 who are below grade level in reading</li> <li>• Define criteria for selecting evidence-based instructional SOR resources and assist PSU’s with identification of instructional curriculum and resources</li> <li>• Develop an implementation rubric aligned to SOR for instructional practices and strategies</li> <li>• Align all created, purchased and shared literary resources with SOR, including but not limited to formative and summative assessments, shared resource banks, state purchased literacy materials, or shared digital content</li> <li>• Develop and offer an early literacy micro-credential</li> <li>• Provide opportunities and incentives for EPP’s to engage in professional learning opportunities to enhance their ability to support candidates with SOR (<a href="#">SB 387</a>) (<a href="#">SB 105</a>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Allocate funding for high quality, on-going, professional development, literacy coaches, and teacher assistants (<a href="#">SB 387</a>) (<a href="#">SB 105</a>)</li> <li>• Expand and market Pre-K in underserved communities (<b>Governor’s Budget Proposal</b>) <a href="#">HB 946</a></li> <li>• Support the provision of information to parents on attendance, screening, qualifications, and application processes in NC Pre-K</li> <li>• Support the publishing of meaningful equity data to track progress (ie. Consolidated Data Report) (<a href="#">SB 105</a>)</li> </ul>



# Legislative Priorities- NC SBE- 2025 Statewide Strategic Plan

Legislative Priority	1. Early Grades Reading - <a href="#">SBE K-3 Education Framework</a>
Budget/ Policy Update	<p><b><a href="#">SB 105</a>- 2021 Appropriations Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 7.15- <b>Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021 Implementation Guide/ Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Superintendent shall establish a working group to develop an implementation guide for EPSA, established in SL 2021-8</li> </ul> </li> <li>Section 7.15- <b>Early Grades Literacy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>\$6,000,000 (NR)-</b> to carry out SL 2021-8 “Read to Achieve”</li> </ul> </li> <li>Section 7.27- <b>Senate Proposal for Use of ESSER III Funds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>\$36,000,000-</b> After School Grants</li> <li><b>\$36,000,000-</b> Summer Programs Grants</li> <li><b>\$10,000,000-</b> Learning Management System</li> <li><b>\$37,500,000-</b> Science of Reading Professional Development and Implementation</li> <li><b>\$9,000,000-</b> Software for Individual Learning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Status	<p><b><a href="#">SB 105</a>- 2021 Appropriations Act</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6/29/2021- House Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House</li> <li>6/29/2021- House Passed 1st Reading</li> <li>6/28/2021- House Regular Message Received From Senate</li> <li>6/28/2021- Senate Regular Message Sent To House</li> <li>6/25/2021- Senate Engrossed</li> </ul>



# 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities

## Legislative Priority

## 2. Teacher Preparation, Professional Learning Opportunities, and Compensation

Leandro Action Plan  
Priority Item- 2020-21

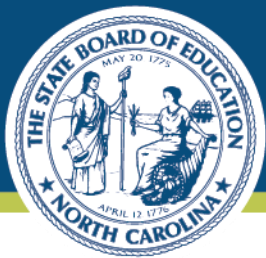
*A Qualified and Well-Prepared Teacher in Every Classroom*

Goals – Superintendent  
Truitt’s Priorities  
(Operation Polaris) and  
NC State Board of  
Education’s  
[Strategic Plan Action  
Framework](#)

- **Priority #2- Human Capital (Operation Polaris Working Group- Human Capital)**
- **Goal 1- Eliminate Opportunity Gaps by 2025**
  - Objective 6- Increase the number of educators of color in schools across NC (expand focus on leadership)
- **Goal 2- Improve School and District Performance by 2015**
  - Objective 1: Allocate financial, business, and technology resources according to State and Federal laws and SBE policies.
  - Objectives 2-8: Intentionally place teachers to highlight strengths to benefit students
- **Goal 3- Increase Educator Preparedness to Meet the Needs of Every Student by 2025**
  - Objectives 1-4

## Legislative Priorities -

- Advocate for increased pay for all NC teachers to ensure schools and districts can attract and retain the highest quality employees essential for student success (Governor’s Budget Proposal) [HB 946 SB 105](#)
- Reinstate retiree health coverage for teachers who begin work on or after January 2021 and ensure current retirement and health benefits are not decreased
- Eliminate challenges and barriers by underwriting the cost of teacher preparation, funding alternative pathways (residencies, “grow your own”, etc.) and revising licensing tests. (Governor’s Budget Proposal) [HB 946 HB 966 HB 915](#)
- Invest in HBCU’s/ HMSI’s to widen the pipeline of educators of color. (Governor’s Budget Proposal) [HB 968 HB 966](#)
- Offer affordable postsecondary access through scholarships, loan forgiveness, or tuition reimbursement programs (Governor’s Budget Proposal) [HB 968 HB 966](#)
- Increase collaborative roles and opportunities for advanced teaching roles, coaching, and mentorship (Expanded Budget Request) [SB 105](#)
- Extend culturally responsive training for every preservice teacher and teacher in the state [HB 968](#)
- Develop partnership opportunities with local PSU’s to reduce the trend of low performing schools (Expanded Budget Request) (Governor’s Budget Proposal)
- Secure funding to support teacher induction and mentoring (Governor’s Budget Proposal)
- Develop alternative pathways- “grow your own”, residency, educator/ student cadet programs (Expanded Budget Request) (Governor’s Budget Proposal) [HB 915](#)
- Increase opportunities for educator engagement inside and outside of school
- Increase teacher participation and leadership opportunities with community representation on strategic planning committees,



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## Legislative Priority

## 2. Teacher Preparation, Professional Learning Opportunities, and Compensation

### Budget/ Policy Update

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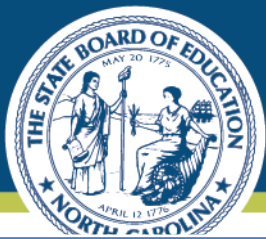
- **Teachers and Instructional Support**
  - Effective 7/1/2021 - Step increase for all + .25% increase to salary schedule
  - Average increase including the step, 1.5% (intent is a 1.5% in 2023)
  - Range of increase including step - \$130 to \$2,130 / 0.3% to 4.3%
- **Bonuses not subject to TSERS**
  - \$300 Bonus for all State paid teachers and instructional support employed Oct 1, 2021
  - No performance bonuses for grades 3-8 math or reading
  - Performance bonuses for AP, IB, AICE and CTE are funded up to \$3,500
- **Section 39.2- Premium Pay Bonus**
  - **\$302,838,663 (NR)**
  - \$1,000 bonus for full-time LEA, charter, ISD and regional school employees regardless of funding source
  - Provides an additional \$500 bonus to employees with an annual salary of less than \$75,000,
  - Not subject to TSERS
- **Section 7A.5- Small County Signing Bonus for Teachers**
  - **\$1,000,000 (R)**
  - Signing bonus for teachers in small counties. Requires a local match of 1:1 up to \$2,000 state funds. Not subject to TSERS.
- **Section 7.10- Advanced Teaching Roles**
  - **\$ 2,040,000 (R)** Additional funding - total appropriation \$3.5m
- **Section 7.19- Teacher Assistant to Teacher Tuition**
  - **\$575,000 (NR)** Changes funding to non recurring funding. No impact on the total appropriation.

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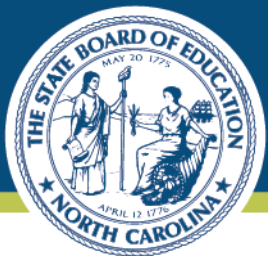
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# 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities

Legislative Priority	<b>3. Principal Preparation, Professional Learning Opportunities, and Compensation</b>
Leandro Action Plan Priority Item – 2020-21	<i>A Qualified and Well-Prepared Principal in Every Classroom</i>
Goals – Superintendent Truitt’s Priorities (Operation Polaris) and NC State Board of Education’s <a href="#">Strategic Plan Action Framework</a>	<p><b>Priority #2- Human Capital (Operation Polaris Working Group- Human Capital)</b></p> <p><b>Goal 1- Eliminate Opportunity Gaps by 2025</b></p> <p><b>Goal 2- Improve School and District Performance by 2015</b></p> <p>Objective 9: Increase of qualified and well-prepared principals in every school.</p> <p><b>Goal 3- Increase Educator Preparedness to Meet the Needs of Every Student by 2025</b></p>
Legislative Priorities -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase pay for all NC principals to ensure schools and districts can attract and retain the highest quality employees essential for student success (<b>Governor’s Budget Proposal</b>)</li> <li>• Continue refinement of the principal pay plan to align with the salary schedules of teachers and assistant principals             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add an experience factor to the base level salary in the new principal pay schedule</li> <li>• Extend salary “hold harmless” provisions to ensure pay does not dip below 2016-2017 total state compensation for any principal or assistant principal in future years</li> <li>• Allow principals who lack traditional growth scores (alternative schools) to be paid at the “exceed growth” level if they demonstrate high performance</li> <li>• Recognize the additional oversight and challenges associated with leading large schools by adding new tiers in base principal pay for schools with 1,300-1,699 and 1,700+ students</li> <li>• Create a new hold-harmless salary protection for high performing principals willing to move to low performing schools</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Establish principal evaluation standards</li> <li>• Develop/ use a leadership model to decrease the number of low-performing schools (<b>Expanded Budget Request</b>)</li> <li>• Secure funding to support principal induction and mentoring (<b>Expanded Budget Request</b>)</li> <li>• Develop alternative pathways- “grow your own”, residency principal programs (<b>Expanded Budget Request</b>)</li> <li>• Increase opportunities for principal engagement inside and outside of school</li> <li>• Increase principal participation and leadership opportunities with community representation on strategic planning committees, boards, and teams.</li> </ul>



# 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities

## Legislative Priority

## 4. Supporting the Whole Child (Social/ Emotional and Student Mental Health)

Leandro Action Plan  
Priority Item- 2020-21

*A Finance System that Provides Adequate, Equitable, and Efficient Resources*

Goals – Superintendent  
Truitt’s Priorities  
(Operation Polaris) and  
NC State Board of  
Education’s  
[Strategic Plan Action  
Framework](#)

**Priority #4- Student Support Services (Operation Polaris Working Group- Student Support Services) and EQUITY**

**Goal 1- Eliminate Opportunity Gaps by 2025**

Objective 2- Improve school climate measures across all schools and grade levels

Component 1- Increase the number of school-based mental health professionals

**Goal 2- Improve School and District Performance by 2015**

Objective 1: Allocate financial, business, and technology resources according to State and Federal laws and SBE policies.

Objective 7: Increase number of schools meeting or exceeding growth measure by subgroup

Objective 8: Increase the number of charter schools meeting or exceeding academic, operational, and financial goals

Legislative Priorities -

- Increase pay for all NC school personnel to ensure schools and districts can attract and retain the highest quality employees essential for student success (**Governor’s Budget Proposal**) [SB 105](#)
- Provide each grade from K-5 with a dedicated mental health professional or require a ration of mental health professionals to be no less than a set ratio (utilize community partnerships with mental health professionals) (**Expanded Budget Request**) (**Governor’s Budget Proposal**) [SB 105](#)
- Require mental health and SEL education in all grades (have an accountability measure with disaggregated data.)
- Adopt health instruction standards that recognize multiple dimensions of health
- Increase innovative food distribution methods
- Adopt/ implement Student Learning Conditions Survey (**Expanded Budget Request**) [HB 677](#)
- Adopt/ Implement Yearly Teaching Working Conditions Survey (Move from two-year to yearly) (**Expanded Budget Request**) [HB 677](#)





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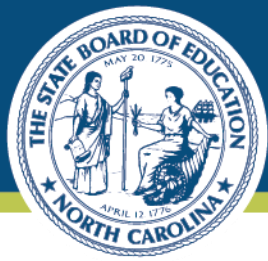
#### [SB 105](#)- 2021 Appropriations Act

- Section 7.27- **Senate Proposal for Use of ESSER III Funds**
  - \$36,000,000- After School Grants (Mentorship/ SEL)
  - \$36,000,000- Summer Programs Grants (Mentorship/ SEL)
  - \$15,000,000- Contracted School Health Grant
  - \$500,000- NC Preschool Pyramid Model
  - \$2,000,000- FTE for DPI (one for each region to locate missing public school students)

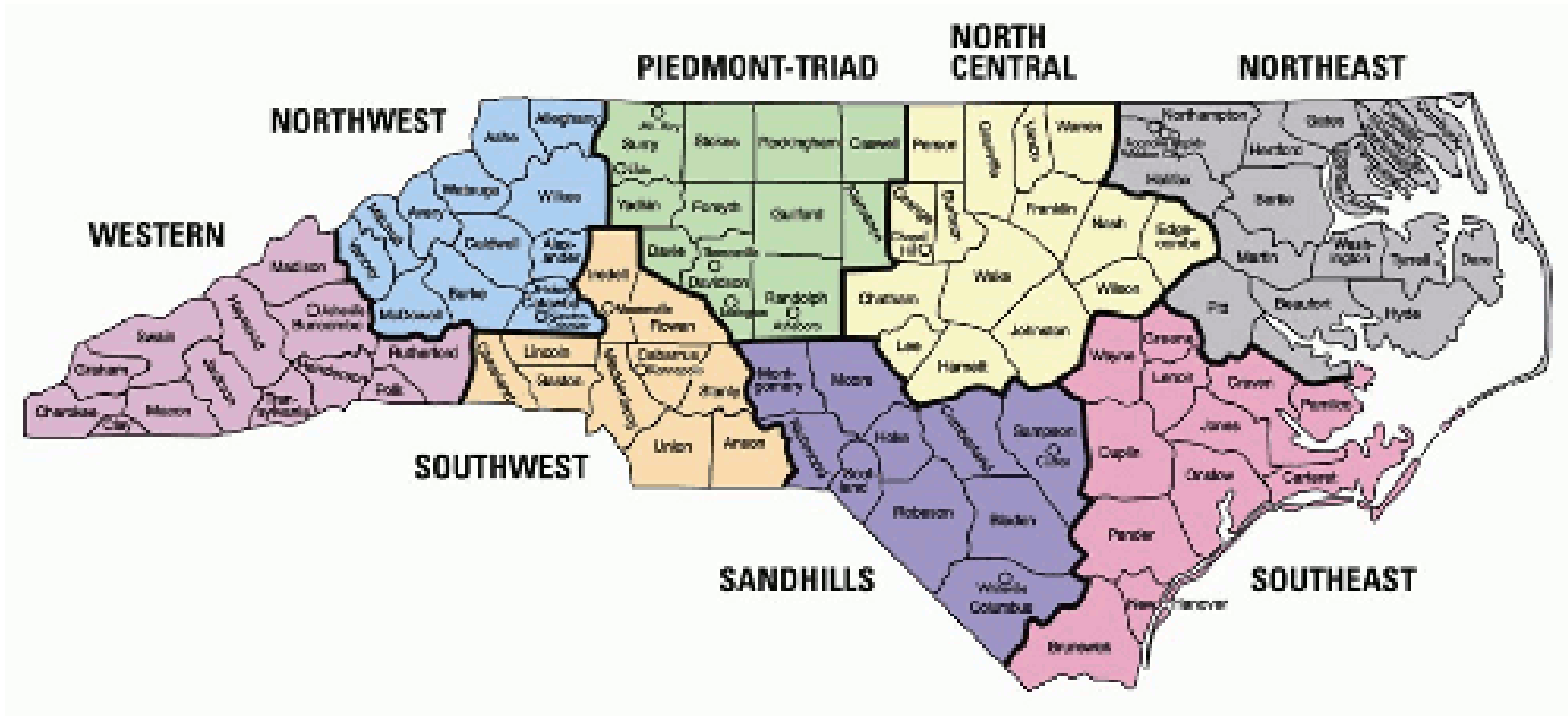
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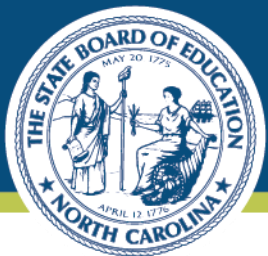


**PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
State Board of Education  
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# #NCTeacherTalks

- **Teacher Recruitment and Retention Strategic Plan Alignment (May/June)**
  - **Sandhills Region**
    - Richmond, Scotland, Robeson, Cumberland, and Montgomery
    - Fayetteville State University
    - University of North Carolina- Pembroke
  - **Northwest Region**
    - Alexander and Alleghany
  - **Western Region**
    - Cherokee, Clay, and Graham



# 2021 NC School Nutrition Association Annual State Conference

*“Educate, empower, and advocate for the school nutrition professionals to advance the accessibility, quality, and integrity of school nutrition programs.”*

June 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>  
Greensboro, NC



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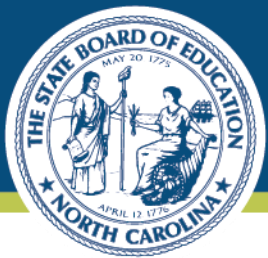


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