



NORTH CAROLINA

GUILFORD COUNTY

**RESOLUTION
REQUESTING REFERENDUM PERMITTING .25 PERCENT,
A FRACTION OF A PENNY, SALES AND USE TAX
TO INCREASE WAGES FOR EDUCATORS AND FRONT-LINE WORKERS**

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Board of Education and the Guilford County Board of Commissioners (“Commissioners”) (collectively referred to as “the Boards”) have worked together to provide the citizens of Guilford County with a public education system that provides every child with excellent educational opportunities and maximizes the resources available in our County so that our students, educators and staff supporting the educational program can thrive and achieve, and the Boards want to access every resource to reach their mutual goals; and

WHEREAS, the Boards believe that our Educators and Front-Line Workers (collectively “Educators”) are essential for improving the lives of our students and deserve to be compensated commensurate with similar complex urban systems in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, currently Guilford County’s Educators are paid less than educators in other complex urban districts in North Carolina and have fallen further behind in recent years, and in order to fund the Educator compensation the Boards believe our Educators deserve without supplanting funds directed toward other needs, additional sources of revenue are required; and

WHEREAS, the Boards believe that a referendum to consider an additional sales and use tax of .25 percent, the equivalent of fraction of a penny, consistent with North Carolina General Statute §105-537, would facilitate giving the voters of Guilford County the opportunity to show their commitment to the Educators of Guilford County, while also providing new resources to the county; and

WHEREAS, GCS commits to dedicate revenues from the 2024 referendum assessment to increasing the compensation of Educators; and

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Board of Education requests that the Commissioners add to the November 2024 ballot a referendum to authorize the levy of an additional sales and use tax in the amount of .25 percent, or a fraction of a penny, consistent with the requirements of N.C.G.S. §105-37; and

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Board of Education understands that the Commissioners will commit to use the additional revenues generated solely for the increase of compensation of Educators and will not supplant funds provided for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Board of Education requests the Guilford County Board of Commissioners to add to the 2024 November ballot a referendum permitting the levy of an additional .25 percent, a fraction of a penny, sales and use tax and commits to use the proceeds of such levy solely for the purpose of increasing compensation to Educators without supplanting any other funds provided to Guilford County Schools for the education of children in Guilford County.

Signed, this 21st day of May 2024

Deena A. Hayes, Chair
Guilford County Board of Education

Attest:

Whitney Oakley, Ed.D.
Secretary