



Governmental Relations Update

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What We Do

- We advocate for the State's 115 local school districts and the Cherokee Central School at
 - The General Assembly
 - The State Board of Education
 - U.S. Congress
 - State agencies
- We work with other education groups on common goals, such as
 - Bus driver shortage

NCSBA Legislative Agenda

1. Retaining top talent & improving working conditions
2. School safety
3. Accountability
4. Student-centered calendar
5. Administrator ethics training
6. School finance officers
7. School technology
8. Local school funding structure
9. Opportunity scholarship program
10. Leandro
11. High school athletics

NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION 2023-2024 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA) is a volunteer membership association representing all 115 local boards of education in North Carolina and the board of the Cherokee Central School. NCSBA provides advocacy, leadership, and services that enable school boards to govern at the highest level. For the general improvement and betterment of public education in North Carolina, NCSBA will advocate for the following items during this legislative biennium.

Retaining Top Talent & Improving Working Conditions

Teachers: Too many classrooms statewide are filled with long-term substitutes. Students deserve high-quality, full-time teachers. NCSBA believes a competitive market salary is essential to retaining these teachers. Lawmakers should continue to provide raises for all teachers – prioritizing those with 15+ years of experience. Improving the teacher pipeline should also be a high priority.

Additional teacher pay investments include: restoring master's pay in a teacher's subject area and providing incentive pay for mentor teachers.

Moreover, appropriating funds to provide more K-3 teacher assistants will increase teacher retention and aid in improving student performance in the State's Read to Achieve program.

Exceptional Children (EC) Teachers: Finding EC teachers continues to be a challenge for school districts across the State. More than half of the State's school districts report having a higher number of students with disabilities than is covered by the 13% State funding cap. It is critical, therefore, that lawmakers continue to raise the funding cap. NCSBA believes additional pay and support will go a long way in retaining these essential teachers.

Bus Drivers & Noncertified Personnel: School districts statewide continue to struggle filling noncertified personnel positions, particularly bus drivers. A lack of experienced bus drivers is both a safety and academic issue because students are



NCSBA Legislative Updates

Education News

The following are recent news articles and reports on state and national education-related issues.

This Week at the Legislature

Legislators have wasted no time getting to work since returning January 25. More than 100 bills have already been filed in the working days of this "long" legislative session. Many of those indirectly impact K-12 education. Most notably, Chairs of the Education/Higher Education Committee filed Senate Bill 49, a "[Parents' Bill of Rights](#)."

Legislative Meetings

Monday, February 6

5:30 pm – [Senate Rules Committee](#) – Legislative Building, rm 1027/1



SBE Monthly Meeting

The State Board of Education (SBE) met this week on February 6 for its monthly meeting. Board members were presented with the following:

- [2021-22 State of the Teaching Profession report](#)
- [2021-22 Educator Preparation Program performance report](#)
- [School performance grade redesign update](#)
- [State Superintendent's district and regional support plan](#)

[2021-22 State of the Teaching Profession report](#): Board members were presented with teacher attrition data, which showed a slight decrease in teachers who left the profession from 8.2% in 2020-21 to 7.8% in 2021-22.



2023-2024 Issue Briefs

In November 2022, the NCSBA Delegate Assembly approved [NCSBA's 2023-2024 Legislative Agenda](#), which is used to guide the Association's advocacy efforts. To provide additional background information on each item in the Legislative Agenda, including NCSBA's position, the Governmental Relations team published issue briefs, which are linked below. You can also access the issue briefs on the North Carolina School Boards Action Center [website](#).

- [Retaining Top Talent & Improving Working Conditions Issue Brief](#)
- [School Safety Issue Brief](#)
- [Accountability Issue Brief](#)

Bills Filed

The following are additional education-related bills that were filed this week.

Statewide Bills

- [HB 28: Managing Environmental Waste Act of 2023](#) (primary sponsor: Representative Harry Warren, R-Rowan)
 - Requires LEAs to annually report on the amounts and types of supplies with recycled content purchased and amounts and types of materials collected for recycling

Union County School Calendar Lawsuit

The Union County Board of Education voted to rescind its decision to make August 9 the start date for the 2023-24 school year, news outlets reported. This follows the filing of a lawsuit on January 9 by two Union County parents alleging the Board adopted a school calendar in violation of State law. Click [here](#) for an article on the issue.



Federal Education Reports

The following is the Consortium of State School Boards Association's ([COSSBA](#)) most recent federal education report.

[January 30, 2023, Report](#)

- Headlines for this edition include:
 - [US Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona Outlines 2023 Vision for Agency](#)

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Retaining Top Talent & Improving Working Conditions Issue Brief

Issue Overview

At the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, 98 of the State's 115 local superintendents responded to a survey that showed there were 11,297 school staff vacancies across North Carolina.

teachers
drivers
Special Children (EC) teachers
counselors, social workers, and psychologists
certified personnel (in addition to bus drivers)

vacancies increased by 22% compared to the beginning of the 2021-22 school year, with a roughly 54% increase in teacher vacancies. The figures listed above under "vacancies," given that 17 school districts did not respond to the survey.¹



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2022 Legislative Session Summary

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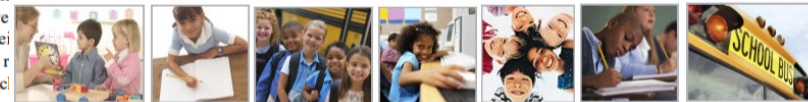
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Too many classrooms statewide receive market salary is essential. Teachers with 10+ years of experience have received no more than a 2.7% raise over the past year to provide raises for all teachers.

Additional teacher pay investment and providing incentive pay for more than 100,000 K-3 teacher assistants would improve the State's Readiness for the Future.

One of the toughest positions in the State is that of a teacher. Therefore, that lawmaking process should be a priority.

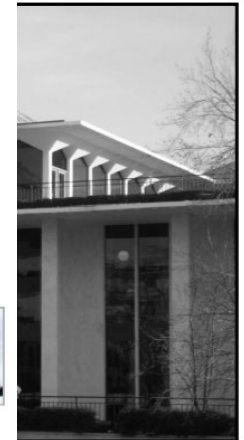
¹ A statewide survey finds," WUNC,



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Congrats to [@amyscottgaley](#), [@LisaStoneBarnes](#), and Sen. Dean Proctor for being named Chairpersons of the NC Senate Appropriations committee on Education/Higher Education for the 2023-24 biennium. The NC School Boards Assn looks forward to working with you. [#NCED](#) [#ncga](#) [#ncpol](#)

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Senator Amy Galey will join Senator Michael Lee as Co-Chair of the Senate Education/Higher Education Cmte for the 2023-24 biennium. Congrats [@amyscottgaley!](#) [#ncga](#) [#ncpol](#) [#NCED](#)

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NC Legislature Update

January 25 – start of legislative “long” session

- **SB 49: Parents’ Bill of Rights**
 - HB 58/SB 74: Parents’ and Students’ Bill of Rights
- **HB 17: Elect the State Board of Education/State Superintendent as State Board of Education Chair**
- **HB 26: Education Omnibus**
 - School grades redesign reporting requirements

State Board of Education Update

Monthly Meeting – February 1 & 2

- School performance grade redesign
- 2021-22 State of the Teaching Profession report
- 2021-22 Educator Preparation Program performance report

- Teacher licensure/salary model

How Can the Governmental Relations Team Help You?

- What is the flow of communication for your board?
 - Do many board members rely on you to pass along important information?
 - Do we need to include you on every email that is sent to your board?
 - Do you receive our legislative updates?
- What can our team do to make your job easier?

How Can You Help The Governmental Relations Team?

- Ensuring your board responds quickly to
 - Email alerts about contacting legislators
 - Requests for resolutions
 - Requests for information

Thank you for all you do!

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