

Guilford County Board of Education  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 25, 2018, 2:30 p.m.

Swann Room, GCS Administrative Offices



Committee Members: Linda Welborn, Chairperson      Nora Carr, Staff Liaison  
Darlene Garrett  
T. Dianne Bellamy Small  
Pat Tillman

AGENDA	
Welcome and Introductions	<i>Discussion Leader: Linda Welborn</i>
Review of Minutes (May 31, 2018)	<i>Discussion Leader: Linda Welborn</i>
North Carolina School Boards Action Center	<i>Discussion Leader: Nora Carr</i>
Legislative Update	<i>Discussion Leader: Linda Welborn</i>
Other Business	<i>Discussion Leader: Linda Welborn</i>
Next Meeting: August 22, 2:30 p.m.	
Adjournment	

*Guilford County Board of Education*  
**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*May 31, 2018, 2:30 p.m.*  
*Swann Room, GCS Administrative Offices*



**Members Present:** Linda Welborn, Darlene Garrett, T. Dianne Bellamy Small  
**Staff Present:** Sharon L. Contreras, Ph.D., Nora Carr, Kim Hipp

The Committee approved the minutes from the April 25, 2018 meeting.

**NCSBA Webinar**

- Linda Welborn reviewed the "Surprise! 2018 Short Session Preview" presentation from the NCSBA's May Legislative Webinar Series with the Committee.

**Guilford County Board of Education Advocacy Trip to Raleigh**

- Linda Welborn will coordinate trip details with Darlene Garrett and Pat Tillman. T. Dianne Bellamy Small will not join them on this trip.

**Other Business**

**HB 514**

- The Committee discussed NC House Bill 514.
- Linda Welborn will present a Legislative Committee update at the June 6, 2018 Board of Education meeting, to include an update on NC House Bill 514.
- Nora Carr shared copies of The Cohen Report: A Detailed Report on House Bill 514.

**NCSBA Legislative Alert**

- Linda Welborn shared copies of the NCSBA Legislative Alert email regarding the State's 2018-19 budget, which was released on May 28, and the Committee reviewed the update.

The next Committee meeting is July 25, 2018.

Submitted by:  
Nora Carr, Chief of Staff



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To: Board Chairs, Superintendents, Finance Officers  
From: Chuck Francis, NCSBAC President  
Date: May 11, 2018  
Cc: All School Board Members  
Re: North Carolina School Boards Action Center (NCSBAC)  
2018-19 Contributions

NCSBAC was established in 2013 to provide additional support for the advocacy efforts of NCSBA. I am proud to report that NCSBAC has been extremely successful in this endeavor. In 2016, NCSBAC provided the necessary funding for the development of a video to combat the attack by charter schools over fund sharing. This video was essential to the defeat of the bill and it was ONLY possible because of the funds provided to NCSBAC. By creating a grassroots advocacy reserve with NCSBAC funds we are now nimble enough to address highly serious legislative threats (such as the charter fund sharing) in a timely manner using tools that would not otherwise be at our disposal. NCSBAC funding also allowed NCSBA to continue retaining its largest ever lobbying capacity at the General Assembly. The lobbying team was subsequently able to secure some key accomplishments this past session, including a compromise to ease the impact of the K-3 class size reductions and passage of two House bills to give districts more calendar flexibility. This upcoming session NCSBAC will help support grassroots advocacy efforts to put a \$1.9 billion statewide school construction bond on the ballot.

In addition to all these important measures, I am excited to announce a new benefit for boards that fund NCSBAC. Should your board decide to participate in NCSBAC in 2018-19, your board will be eligible for an **enhanced advocacy service**: lobbying activities by NCSBA on local bills. As you know, more of our local boards have spent time in recent years on local bills (supporting or opposing). But NCSBA's historical practice has been to refrain from lobbying on local bills unless the bill is precedent setting. The NCSBAC and NCSBA Boards unanimously agreed that the increase of local bills has opened an opportunity to give a "thank you" to those school boards that participate to help support and fund NCSBAC. Boards that fund NCSBAC will now be **eligible to request that NCSBA engage in direct lobbying activity for or against a local bill impacting that board**. The board would have to submit a written request with the stated position of the board on the local bill in question. NCSBA would agree to, on behalf of that board, talk to lawmakers and testify in committees in support of or opposition to that bill. These additional lobbying activities would only apply to local bills where other local school boards are not taking opposing positions. For the 2019 legislative session, the board would need to have made their NCSBAC contribution by January 1, 2019. This increased level of service does not negate the importance of the local board's lobbying efforts. This should be viewed as in addition to, not in lieu of, and thus amplifying the support or opposition.

I am hopeful that your board will join the 69 boards to help support and fund NCSBAC for 2018-19. A contribution statement, with the same funding level as previous years, is being shared with your superintendent and finance officer. We also encourage individuals to make contributions, if they so desire, to help advance NCSBAC's mission.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Dr. Ed Dunlap, NCSBA Executive Director or me.

Thank you, in advance, for your continued support.



# North Carolina School Boards Action Center

## 2018-19 Contribution Statement

To: Guilford Co. Schools  
P.O. Box 880  
Greensboro, NC 27402-0880

Statement # AC2018-19 048

**Reference** **5/11/2018**

<u>2017-18 Projected ADM</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
>50,000	\$10,000
30,000-49,999	\$8,000
17,000-29,999	\$6,000
10,000-16,999	\$5,000
8,000-9,999	\$4,000
5,000-7,999	\$3,000
<5,000	\$2,000

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2018-2019 NCSBAC Contribution\* 10,000.00

**Total Due:** **\$10,000.00**

Make check payable to: **North Carolina School Boards Action Center**

Mail payment and a copy of this invoice to: NCSBAC  
Attn: Sherry Cariss  
P.O. Box 97068  
Raleigh, NC 27624

**Please do not combine this payment with any payments due to NCSBA**

\*Contributions are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.