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## Senator Joel Ford November 2018 Newsletter

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### Third Extra Session 2018

October 2nd kicked off the start of a third extra session in which we collectively agreed that we need swift legislation that will provide **funding** for those affected by **Hurricane Florence**. Governor Cooper accepted and signed into law House Bill 4 *Hurricane Florence Emergency Response Act* which allocates **\$6.5 million** to the Department of Public Instruction to replace lost compensation for school lunch employees due to school closures because of the hurricane. Additionally, House Bill 4 provides **\$50 million** to match the federal disaster assistance programs which is used to assist North Carolina counties that are presently or will be designated a major disaster **declared** by the President of the United States as a result of Hurricane Florence. Also signed into law, Senate Bill 2 *School Calendar & Pay/ Hurricane Florence*. The **primary function** of Senate Bill 2 is to provide **flexibility** in the public school calendar in light of instructional days missed due to Hurricane Florence. Senate Bill 2 grants each public school located in areas **designated** a major disaster by the President of the United States the discretion to make up missed instructional days, deem up to twenty missed instructional days completed, or a combination of both options. Moreover, public schools that are not located in an area designated a major disaster by the President of the United States and the calendar already meets 185 instructional days will not be required to add additional days to the calendar. However, **Senate Bill 2** grants all other schools that miss more than two days the discretion to either make up the missed instructional days or deem them completed. Furthermore, Senate Bill 2 provides a **compensation strategy** for effected public school employees and Educator Preparation Program clinical internship requirements for those students enrolled in a county declared a major disaster by the President of the United States.

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### November 2018 Election



Election day is upon us! Tomorrow is officially the **LAST DAY TO VOTE** with **ALL** polls opening at 6:30AM and closing at 7:30 PM. View your **sample ballot** and **Election Day Polling Place** prior to voting. For further information, please visit the link [here](#). Please check the

**Mecklenburg County Board of Elections** site for election day details. As you prepare to **vote** at your respective polling location, please **be advised** that you **ARE NOT REQUIRED** to show any form of **photo ID** to vote in this upcoming election.

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**November 2018 County Bond Information**

*Below is a summary of the proposed Mecklenburg County bonds that will be placed on the November 2018 general election ballot. For the full summary please visit the link [here](#).*

YES  NO

Bond Type	Funding	Summary
Housing	\$50 Million	Housing bond will fund the city's Housing Diversity Program to increase the supply of safe, decent and affordable housing for residents of all income levels throughout Charlotte.
Neighborhood Improvement	\$55 Million	Neighborhood improvement bonds will fund projects that address infrastructure needs in the city's established neighborhoods and emerging high-growth areas.
Transportation	\$118.08 Million	Investments are intended to increase overall mobility by providing transportation choices, promoting access to transit and major transportation routes and improving connectivity within and between communities. With that in mind, the Community Investment Plan will continue investing in transit access, bridges, trails, sidewalks and streets.

\*\*\*DISTRICT/RELATED NEWS\*\*\*

**The North Graham Extension Project-** There are no new updates this month; however, the projected **completion date** for this project is **April 27, 2019**. I want to thank everyone who is working hard on this extension project and I want to thank Charlotte residents for your patience.

**I-77 Update-** Beginning **September 29, 2018**, the entrance ramp from Westbound I-277 to Southbound I-77 will be **CLOSED** for **two months** due to new construction plans for the new adjacent Southbound ramp. Motorists will be redirected Westbound along Highway 16 to I-85 Northbound and back to I-77 Southbound. **For a complete list of all I-77 road closures visit the [link](#).**

Lane	Lane Closure	Date and Times Closed
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<b>I-77 Northbound</b>	<b>Exit 11B</b>	<p>Wednesday, November 7 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.</p> <p>Thursday, November 8 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.</p> <p>Friday, November 9 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.</p>
	<b>Exit 18 to Exit 23</b>	<p>Tuesday, November 6 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, November 7 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.</p> <p>Thursday, November 8 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.</p> <p>Saturday, November 10 from 10 p.m. to 9 a.m.</p>
	<b>Exit 30 to Exit 31</b>	<p>Friday, November 9 from 8 p.m. to 9 a.m.</p> <p>Saturday, November 10 from 8 p.m. to 9 a.m.</p>
<b>I-77 Southbound</b>	<b>Exit 28 and Exit 25 Lane Closure</b>	<p>Wednesday, November 7 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.</p> <p>Thursday, November 8 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.</p> <p>Friday, November 9 from 10 p.m. to 9 a.m.</p> <p>Saturday, November 10 from 10 p.m. to 9 a.m.</p>
<b>I-277 Outer/Westbound</b>	<b>Exit 5A</b>	<p>Monday, November 5 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.</p>
<b>I-277 Inner/Eastbound</b>	<b>Exit 5A</b>	<p>Monday, November 5 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.</p>

*Thank you for continuing to voice your issues, thoughts, and concerns through your many e-mails, phone calls, and office visits. Please feel free to contact me or my office at any time. Please kindly forward this newsletter to your family and friends so they can stay in the loop as to what is going on in Raleigh and our District. If interested, they may send us their contact information so we can add them to our newsletter!*

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