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Education Promise NC



Charlotte, NC- The Appropriations on Education/Higher Education Committee is a standing committee of the North Carolina State Senate and is responsible for studying, amending, and voting on legislation regarding state funding before it reaches the floor of the chamber for a full vote. This committee meet continuously as part of the process of appropriating money for education throughout the state. As an appointed member, Senator Joyce Waddell brings her Democratic priorities to the committee's work.

North Carolina Democrats are making a promise to invest in our students, teachers, and our public schools to reclaim the title as a national leader in public education. Throughout the daily meetings during session presentations includes recommendations for K-12 education to raise teacher and principal pay to the national average by investing \$199m in fiscal year 2019-2020. In addition to ensuring safe and healthy schools by providing funding for school districts to hire more counselors, psychologists, and school resource officers. In North Carolina, the ratio of school psychologists is 1 for every 2,100 students in comparison to the recommended ratio of 1 to 700.

The education promise for North Carolina addresses school construction needs to build quality public education facilities and give resources they need to succeed. North Carolina has more than \$13 billion in critical school construction needs. The University of North Carolina System presented budget priorities for the 2019-2021 to provide:

- Summer Scholarships for Student Success
- Faculty recruitment and retention
- Stronger Transfer Pathways with NC Community Colleges
- Accessibility for Open Educational Resources (OER)

“Many different factors play a role in the decision process for how much funding should be appropriated for North Carolina Education system. Our job as legislators is to ensure that the voices of the communities that we serve remain a priority throughout the continuous development of the budget, “said Senator Joyce Waddell

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