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2019 Teachers Rally

Charlotte, NC- Thousands of educators and supporters greeted lawmakers Wednesday May 1, in downtown Raleigh for a rally. Statewide highways and roads experienced an increase in commuters as buses and cars traveled from various school districts across North Carolina. Charlotte-Mecklenburg School officials canceled classes May 1, in anticipation of approx. 2,000 teacher and support staff absences traveling to the state capitol.

The All Out for Public Education march was organized to bring awareness to insufficient state funding for public schools and to advocate for livable wages including:

- Hire more school librarians, social workers, nurses and other health professional to meet national standards.
- Set a \$15-an-hour minimum wage for all school staff and a 5 percent raise for non-certified staff, teachers and administrators.
- Expand Medicaid in the state to cover more students and their families.
- Reinstate state retiree health benefits and higher pay for advanced degrees.

This was the second year of the event where teachers marched up Fayetteville Street to the General Assembly and rallied on Halifax Mall. Teachers had the opportunity to meet with legislators to ask questions and voice additional concerns. The state budget announced Tuesday, April 30 is scheduled to be reviewed in the Senate for an upcoming vote.

“Every teacher deserves to be adequately compensated for the important work and educational skills provided to the students daily, I continue to work diligently to ensure that every voice is heard throughout the process,” Said Senator Joyce Waddell

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