

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

RESOLUTION OPPOSING BUDGETARY REVERSIONS

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Legislature has reduced funding to Buncombe County Schools cumulatively by \$27,020,018.00 between 2008 and 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Commissioners have worked to minimize the impact of these cuts on the students of Buncombe County schools increasing their funding cumulatively by \$14,597,679.00 between 2008 and 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Stimulus, Stabilization and Edujobs funding which provided supplemental support for the education of the students in Buncombe County between 2009 and 2012 will expire on September 30, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the reduction in funding of public education by the North Carolina Legislature has resulted in 170.5 positions eliminated by Buncombe County Schools between 2008 and 2012; and,

WHEREAS, since 2008 the North Carolina Legislature has imposed budgetary reversions on the public schools. The Legislature passes its budget informing the public and school systems of the amount of funding of public education, then requires a reversion or return of a designated sum from each school system of budgeted funds; and,

WHEREAS, since 2008, the North Carolina Legislature has mandated a reversion or return of State budgeted funds from Buncombe County Schools in the amount of \$18,395.571; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Legislature's 2012 – 2013 public education budget mandates a reversion or return of an additional \$8,624,447 from the funds Buncombe County Schools utilize for the education of our students; and,

WHEREAS, this additional mandated reversion by the North Carolina Legislature is in addition to the loss of Federal funds due to the cessation of the Stimulus, Stabilization and Edujobs funding; and,

WHEREAS, the mandated reversion practice by the North Carolina Legislature does not fairly and accurately represent to the public the funding commitment to the public education system by the North Carolina Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, any elimination of the mandated reversion practice by the North Carolina Legislature with a replacement of a differently designated reduction in funding would further harm the public trust and public education system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Buncombe County Board of Education respectfully requests the North Carolina Legislature eliminate the mandated reversion for the betterment of public education and for increased transparency in the Legislature's commitment to public education.

Approved by the Buncombe County Board of Education, this the third day of May, 2012.