

# Public Schools First NC

## Education Position Questionnaire

Item #	No	Yes	MY POSITION FOR NC (OR FOR MY DISTRICT if I'm running for local office)
1		✓	I <b>SUPPORT</b> raising per pupil funding for all public schools to at least the national average and I support fully funding <b>LEANDRO</b> .
2		✓	I <b>SUPPORT</b> raising pay for public school teachers to at least the national average and reinstating master's and other relevant advanced degree pay. Furthermore, I <b>SUPPORT</b> additional pay for teachers who achieve nationally recognized certifications and pay for teachers who take on additional duties and responsibilities (such as coaching or tutoring after school).
3		✓	I <b>SUPPORT</b> increasing the numbers of school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, and school nurses for all public schools to at least the recommended national ratios per pupil.
4		✓	I <b>SUPPORT</b> providing full public funding for pre-K for all eligible children in North Carolina.
5		✓	I <b>SUPPORT</b> providing full funding for K-5 enhancement teachers for art, music, physical education, and world languages.

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6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>I SUPPORT</b> increasing per pupil funding for textbooks and other instructional resources (digital and hard copies), supplies, etc. to at least pre-recession levels.
7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>I SUPPORT</b> programs that have been demonstrated to reduce the achievement gaps for economically disadvantaged students, including programs to improve public school equity, integration, and inclusion.
8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>I SUPPORT</b> fair and equitable evaluation of teachers and schools using a variety of metrics for student and teacher performance, not just standardized test scores.
9		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>I SUPPORT</b> phasing out school vouchers for private schools, and ensuring that existing private schools receiving public voucher funds meet the same accountability and performance standards as public schools.
10		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>I SUPPORT</b> a moratorium on new charter schools until stronger accountability standards and better authorization mechanisms are implemented; including empowering local school boards with the ability to create charters and keep them under their governance.

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2 I am a retired educator (Former teacher, coach, Asst. Principal

and Principals with 34 years experience. I now work for App State as a Field supervisor of student teaching. I know first

hand the inadequacies of the current salary schedule. Beginning pay is a problem but the pay schedule for veteran teachers isn't enough to keep teachers in the profession. A beginning teacher usually doesn't have the financial obligations the veteran teacher incurs - mortgage, children, child care... The small pay increases for years of experience can't cover the increased financial demands, forcing teachers to either take a part time job or leave the profession for a better paying job.

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- 5 Only concentrating on the 3R's doesn't prepare other students for our world. We need more to prepare students for the global society we live in.
- 3 More Funding here will reduce many of the problems our society faces.
- 9 Totally against vouchers. The argument about I pay taxes to support public schools but I don't educate my children there so I deserve a voucher would be like saying "I didn't use the fire department or police so I need that money back"

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My Signature	<i>Steve Hare</i>
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My Printed Full Name	Steve Hare
I Hold Or Seek The Office Of	NC House District 94

**THANK YOU** for sharing your positions on these public education issues with NC citizens!

Please add your legibly printed name and the elected office you hold or for which you are running (including county or district number if applicable, but do not include your political party). You can save this document with your name in the file name and email to us or you can print and mail to us at the address below.

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