

MILLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

RESOLUTION URGING THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUSTAIN THE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF HB10

WHEREAS, the State Constitution and North Carolina General Statutes place the responsibility to fund a public school system that provides every child in the state with access to a sound basic education with the State of North Carolina, both the executive and legislative branches;

WHEREAS, North Carolina's highest court has already held that for more than 25 years, North Carolina lawmakers from both parties have failed to meet their constitutional obligation to provide all children in the state with a sound basic education;

WHEREAS, adequate educational opportunities cannot realistically be provided without adequate educational funding;

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Wake County families choose Wake County Public School System ("WCPSS") for their children's education;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly's passage of HB10 would divert \$248 million from Department of Public Instruction budgets, money that supports public schools and community colleges throughout North Carolina;

WHEREAS, Governor Roy Cooper vetoed HB10 on grounds that the bill further destabilizes North Carolina's already-underfunded public schools, and now the legislature must decide whether or not to override the Governor's veto;

WHEREAS, public dollars carry the responsibility for providing public access, governance, and accountability;

WHEREAS, HB10 provides no accountability over public money being spent on school vouchers, which will make it difficult to track the academic progress of over 55,000 students;

WHEREAS, studies show that private school vouchers do not improve student performance;

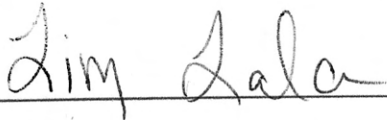
WHEREAS, the \$248 million being spent on vouchers could be better deployed to clear the current waitlist for NC pre-K (\$197 million), to provide childcare subsidies for working families to access childcare (\$200 million), or even increase teacher salaries throughout the state by as much as \$8,000 a year (North Carolina is currently ranked 38th in the nation for teacher pay), among other possible options;

WHEREAS, HB10's vouchers would divert public funds into a small group of private hands, but PTSA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality;

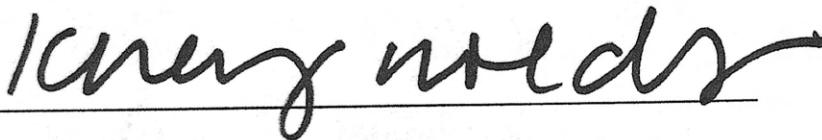
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WHEREAS, receiving a quality education is paramount to catalyzing the full growth and self-actualization of students, families, communities, and our State as a whole;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Millbrook High School PTSA Board of Directors joins educational leaders throughout the state in urging the North Carolina General Assembly to sustain Governor Cooper's Veto of HB10. Adopted by the Millbrook High School PTSA Board of Directors on this 22nd day of October, 2024.



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