

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 115C-36 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the Board of Education for the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools (the "Board") has "general control and supervision of all matters pertaining to" the Elizabeth City – Pasquotank Public Schools (the "Schools"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 115C-47(1) of the North Carolina General Statutes, the Board has the power or duty "to provide students with the opportunity to receive a sound basic education and to make all policy decisions with that objective in mind, including employment decisions, budget development, and other administrative actions"; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it consistent with the above-mentioned powers to promote possible funding opportunities for the Schools; and

WHEREAS, during the last budget cycle, the County allocated \$1.1 million for the Schools' operations, which was \$4.5 million less than requested by the Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Schools are in need of additional funding to implement and upgrade technology; secure quality personnel and improve school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners has agreed to put a referendum on the May 2018 ballot proposing to raise the sales tax by a quarter of one-cent (the "Tax Investment"); and

WHEREAS, the Tax Investment, if approved by the voters, would generate an estimated \$1,000,000 per year in additional revenue; and

WHEREAS, funds generated from the Tax Investment would give the County more funds to use to finance the Schools; and

WHEREAS, additional funding for the Schools could be used to: upgrade technology available to the students and Schools; secure quality personnel, and improve school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the community rejected a proposed quarter-cent sales tax increase when presented with that option in a previous referendums; and

WHEREAS, better communication with the community regarding the benefits from additional funding may have prevented the previous referendum from being rejected; and

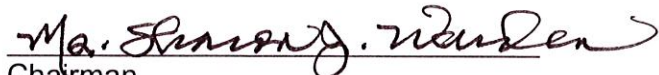
WHEREAS, the Board deems it to be consistent with its powers and duties and in the School's best interest for the Board and Schools to promote the Tax Investment; provided, however, that no direct application of public funds may be made to advocate for the Tax Investment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the Board and the Schools taking action in order to promote the Tax Investment and to educate the community about how the Tax Investment can assist and improve the Schools.

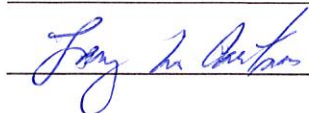
RESOLVED FURTHER, that Board and Schools be, and they hereby are, authorized, empowered and directed to make, publish, and deliver such communications and statements as they deem appropriate to promote the Tax Investment.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the foregoing resolutions do not authorize the Schools or the Board to make any direct application of public funds to advocate for the Tax Investment.

Adopted this 26th day of March, 2018.


Chairman

Attest:


Secretary