

2018 Session Preview



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2018 Political Landscape

House

- ▶ 75 Republicans
- ▶ 45 Democrats
- ▶ Speaker of the House:
Rep. Tim Moore
(R-Cleveland)



Senate

- ▶ 35 Republicans
- ▶ 15 Democrats
- ▶ President Pro Tem:
Sen. Phil Berger
(R-Rockingham)



Elections & 2019 Political Landscape

House Races in 2018

- ▶ Democrats Need:
 - ❖ 4 Seats to Break Super Majority
 - ❖ 16 Seats to Win Majority
- ▶ 14 Seats Considered Tossups
- ▶ 325 Candidates for 120 Seats
- ▶ 3 D's & 9 R's Retiring = 12 New



Senate Races in 2018

- ▶ Democrats Need:
 - ❖ 6 Seats to Break Super Majority
 - ❖ 11 Seats to Win Majority
- ▶ 7 Seats Considered Tossups
- ▶ 148 Candidates for 50 Seats
- ▶ 1 D & 5 R's Retiring = 6 New



NCASA 2018 Legislative Priorities

- ▶ Class Size Mandate: Next Steps
- ▶ Enhance the New School-Based Administrator Pay Plans
- ▶ Enhance State Support for School District Facilities
- ▶ Fine-Tune Performance Grading & Accountability System
- ▶ Central Office Allotment: Head Off Cuts



Class Size Mandate: Next Steps

- ▶ Provide Hardship Waivers/Exemptions For Facility Or Teacher Shortage
- ▶ Eliminate District Average As Requirement Under Class Size Caps In K-3
- ▶ Authorize Statewide School Bond Referendum Of \$1.9 Billion

Year	Grade(s)	District Average	Individual Maximum
2018-2019	K-3	20	23
2019-2020	K-3	19	22
2020-2021	K-3	18	21
2021-2022	K	18	21
	1	16	19
	2-3	17	20



Enhance New Principal Pay Plans

- ▶ Increase Base Pay For Principals
- ▶ Add Experience Factor In Principal Base Pay
- ▶ Add Grandfather Clause For Doctoral/Advanced Degree Supplements
- ▶ Extend “Hold Harmless” Provisions
- ▶ Add Additional Tiers For Larger Schools In Principal Base Pay
- ▶ Adjust Principal Bonus To Reward Exceeding Growth 1st Year
- ▶ Reward Principals Without Traditional Growth Scores Who “Exceed Growth”
- ▶ Fulfill Promise Of Raising Assistant Principal Pay By 2%
- ▶ Tie School-Administrator Salary Increases With Those Of Teachers In Future Years



Enhance State Support For School District Facilities

- ▶ Authorize \$1.9 Billion Statewide School Bond Referendum In 2018
- ▶ Increase Lottery Funding Dedicated To School Capital
- ▶ Allow Counties To Levy Additional Local Option Sales Taxes school facility needs
- ▶ Expand The Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund



Fine-Tune School Performance Grades & Accountability System

- ▶ Make The 15-Point Grading Scale Permanent
- ▶ Increase Weight Of Student Growth From 20% To 50%
- ▶ Remove Schools That “Meet Growth” From Definition Of Low-Performing



Central Office Allotment: Head Off Cuts

- ▶ Prevent The Additional \$4 Million Cut To Central Office Earmarked In 2017 State Budget

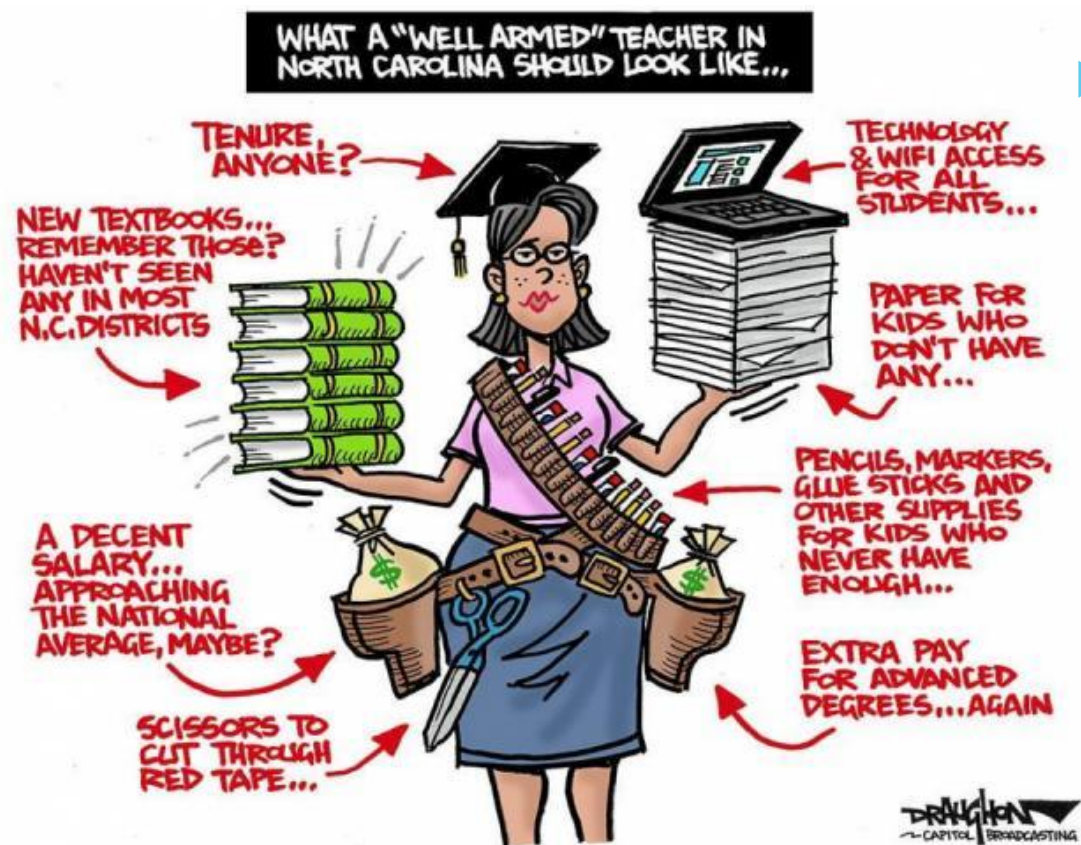


Committees & Commissions That May Impact Public Schools

- ▶ Governor's Commission On Access To Sound Basic Education
- ▶ Professional Educator Preparation And Standards Commission (PEPSC)
- ▶ Joint Legislative Task Force On Education Finance Reform
- ▶ LRC Committee On Intellectual And Developmental Disabilities
- ▶ Joint Legislative Study Committee On The Division Of Local School Administrative Units
- ▶ House Select Committee On School Safety



School Safety



▶ NCASA's Position:

- ❖ Oppose Arming Of Teachers
- ❖ Support Funding For Additional SROs, School Counselors, Psychologists & Nurses
- ❖ Support Funding For Capital Improvements Enhancing Safety (Fences, Locks, Bulletproof Glass, Metal Detectors, Panic Alarms, Etc.)
- ❖ Support Expanding Avenues For Anonymous Reporting Of Potential Threats (Anonymous Tip Line Monitoring, SPEAK UP NC App, Etc.)
- ❖ Support Making It A Felony To Threaten Mass Violence On Educational Property (H670)

- ▶ Arming Teachers With Guns?
- ▶ Limiting Gun Access (Age 21/Background Checks/Banning Bump Stocks)?
- ▶ What To Fund To Increase Safety?

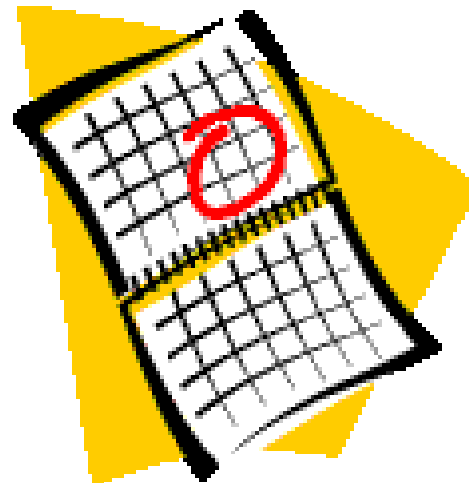
Other Looming Issues For 2018

- ▶ Retirement System Reform - Potential Elimination Of Pension For New Hires
- ▶ Calendar Flexibility
 - ❖ Statewide Legislation Tied To Community College Dates
 - ❖ Pilot Program for Earlier Start For Identified LEAs
- ▶ Governance Debate Between SBE & State Superintendent
- ▶ Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) & NC's Plan
- ▶ Charter School Issues
 - ❖ LEA vs. Charter School Funding Debate (Fund 8)
 - ❖ Permit Town To Apply To Open Charter Schools
 - ❖ Facility Funding For Charters
- ▶ Potential Broadening Of Private School Voucher Eligibility



Important Dates

- ▶ May 16, 2018 - 2018 Short Session Begins
- ▶ May 8, 2018 - Primary Election
- ▶ November 6, 2018 - General Election



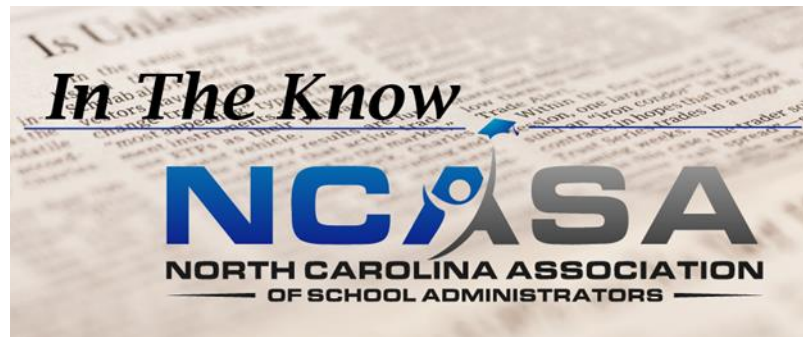
Your Next Steps

- ▶ **Begin Communicating With Your Legislative Delegation Now.**
- ▶ **Plan Legislative Function For Your District Or Region's Delegation.**
- ▶ **Make NCASA Aware Of Legislative Concerns As They Arise & Share Feedback From Your Legislators.**
- ▶ **Contact Us If We Can Assist!**



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