

## "Education, then, beyond all other divides of human origin, is a great equalizer of conditions of men--the balance wheels of the social machinery." --Horace Mann



## Why do public schools matter?

84% of NC's children from all backgrounds, abilities and zip codes attend NC public schools. They produce informed, capable citizens who have a positive economic impact on every community in NC.

Who is responsible for public education policy and funding? NC General Assembly, Supt. of Public Instruction, Lt. Governor, Governor, Local School Board, Board of County Commissioners

## How does North Carolina measure up in the U.S.? •48th in per-pupil allotments •42nd in beginning teacher pay •49th in funding effort when compared with state wealth