



THE VALUE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA

Public Schools are the bedrock of North Carolina's success. They educate our future workforce, strengthen our communities, and fuel our economy. Your vote for public education matters:

- **Empowering North Carolinians:**

- **Building a Skilled Workforce:** Strong public schools equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to fill high-demand jobs in North Carolina's growing industries.
- **Lifelong Learners & Engaged Citizens:** North Carolina's public schools foster critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills, preparing students for success in college, careers, and civic participation.

- **Strengthening North Carolina's Future:**

- **Economic Engine:** An educated population drives economic growth in North Carolina as higher education levels yield higher average wages, benefiting both individuals and the state's economy. The public school system is the **#1 or #2 employer in 85 of our 100 counties**.
- **Investing in All Students:** Public education provides equal access to quality education, regardless of ability, learning style, zip code or background. This is crucial for North Carolina's future prosperity and social mobility as **84% of our students attend public schools**.
- **Vibrant Communities:** Public schools bring together students from diverse backgrounds, promoting understanding, tolerance, and a strong sense of community across North Carolina.

- **North Carolina's Public Education System:**

- **More than 1.5 million students** attend public schools in North Carolina.
- Public schools graduate more than **120,000 students annually**, prepared for college and careers. They become our future leaders.
- North Carolina faces challenges, including teacher shortages and the need for **increased funding** to ensure all students have access to quality teachers and school resources.

Get Involved in North Carolina's Public Schools!

- **Vote in the November 5 Election**
- **Be informed** about education issues across North Carolina and advocate for policies that support strong public schools.
- **Go to** your local public school gatherings, **School Board** meetings, **County Commissioner** meetings
- Support your **local school by contacting your elected officials** who have an impact in your community about funding and other public school issues.

Public schools unite us! Public schools do the public good!