



2008-2009 Roundtable Topics

School System Budget Allocation / Interlocal Agreement

Business thrives in Wake County, and the quality of our school system is a major contributing factor of this success. It is critical that our community maintains confidence in its public schools, and the often public bickering between the two groups who are responsible for funding and operating the Wake County Public School System undermines this confidence. The proposal introduced by Wake Education Partnership and the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce seeks to resolve this issue.

This Roundtable Discussion will address the historical and political perspectives of school system budget allocations in Wake County, the current proposal, the Board of Education response, and the future hopes of the Partnership and the Chamber regarding this issue.

Possible Presenters: Dr. Ann Denlinger, Harvey Schmitt, Tom Oxholm

Socio-Economic Diversity

For more than 30 years, students attending the Wake County Public School System have benefited from a demonstrated commitment by community leaders to schools that reflect the county's diversity. First by race, and more recently by family income, our public school system has actively sought to create and maintain the kind of enrollment balance that decades of research have proven to be critical for successful schools, students, and communities.

This Roundtable discussion will present the position of the Partnership as published in "Striking a Balance: In Support of Diversity in the Wake County Public School System." (Copies of the publication will be provided for all attendees.)

Possible Presenters: Dr. Ann Denlinger, Julie Crain, Todd Silberman

The Curriculum Management Audit

During the spring of 2007, a team of auditors from Phi Delta Kappan completed a Curriculum Management Audit of the Wake County Public School System. The report of their findings was released in the September 2007. Since its release, the Board of Education and the school system staff have been developing action plans to address the report's findings with the overall goal of aligning systems and raising the academic performance of all students. Audit results, current accomplishments, and future action plans are the topics of this Roundtable.

Possible Presenters: Dr. Ann Denlinger, Julie Crain, Dr. Donna Hargens, Dr. Del Burns