



**Support for the 2003 Wake County Bond Referenda
for School Construction and Libraries**
A Resolution of the Wake Education Partnership Board of Directors

August 13, 2003

Whereas sustained growth in student enrollment in the Wake County Public School System continues to strain available resources, growing from 94,782 students in 2000 to 104,373 in 2003;

Whereas the Wake County Public School System has demonstrated its commitment to being an effective steward of public tax dollars as reported by the Citizen Advisory Committee for Appropriate Funding of Public Education in Wake County;

Whereas the Wake County Board of Education and the Wake County Board of Commissioners have exhibited a renewed level of collaboration in outlining the need for new libraries and schools and the renovation of existing schools;

Whereas improvements to libraries in Wake County will enhance overall quality of life and the ongoing learning of adults and children;

Whereas leadership by the Wake County Public School System has contributed to unprecedented levels of student achievement, with 91.3 percent of students at or above grade level, while also enhancing economic prosperity for Wake County;

Whereas the Wake County Public School System has demonstrated the need for new schools and renovation of existing school buildings to provide the quality learning environment necessary for children to learn at the highest level and to retain classroom teachers;

Whereas the Wake County Board of Education has expanded the number of year-round schools, co-located libraries within schools and pursued strategies to make the most efficient use of all school facilities;

Therefore be it resolved that the Wake Education Partnership Board of Directors hereby endorses the 2003 \$450 million Wake County Bond Referendum for School Construction and \$35 million Referendum for Libraries to be placed before Wake County voters on October 7, 2003. Further, the Partnership urges that all business, civic, education and parent groups become actively involved in informing and involving the public to ensure the successful passage of the referenda.

John I. Mabe, Chair
Board of Directors

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