



**Support for the November 7, 2006,  
Wake County School Bond Referendum**  
*A Resolution of the Wake Education Partnership  
Board of Directors and Board of Trustees*

*September 2006*

**Whereas**, Wake County continues to experience phenomenal growth, adding an average of 25,000 new residents a year, and this growth has resulted in severely overcrowded schools;

**Whereas**, nearly 7,000 new students are added to Wake County schools each year;

**Whereas**, the ongoing construction of new schools and the renovation and updating of existing facilities are essential to providing safe and adequate learning environments for all children and to attracting and retaining excellent teachers;

**Whereas**, the Wake County Board of Education and Wake County Board of Commissioners have jointly agreed upon a \$1.056 billion building program, \$970 million of which will go before voters for bond referendum approval on November 7, 2006;

**Whereas**, providing housing to our students is a statutory obligation; and the selling of general obligation bonds represents the most economical alternative with which to fund these critical needs;

**Whereas**, the continued excellence of Wake County's public schools is essential to Wake County's economic well being, and we wish to maintain this county's reputation as one of the best places to live in the country;

**Whereas**, Wake Education Partnership supports the continued efforts of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, the Wake County Board of Education, and all citizens of Wake County to provide our most valuable asset – our youth – with the best educational opportunities possible.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Wake Education Partnership hereby pledges its strong support for passage of the Wake County Schools bond for the betterment of Wake County.

John D. McKinney, Chair  
Board of Directors

Rusine Mitchell-Sinclair, Chair  
Board of Trustees

W. Robert Saffold  
President