

Resolution # _____

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FUNDING FORMULA FOR DISTRIBUTION OF
LOTTERY PROCEEDS FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has significant school construction needs and the lottery has the potential to generate a stream of revenue that could, in combination with local option sales taxes earmarked for school construction as well as other resources, meet a significant portion of the county's school facility needs; and

WHEREAS, under the current lottery funding formula, 50 percent of the lottery proceeds go to pre-school/kindergarten and reduction of class size; 10 percent goes to college scholarship programs and the remaining 40 percent goes to school construction; and

WHEREAS, out of the 40 percent that is allocated for school construction only 65 percent of these proceeds are based on per pupil basis; the remaining 35 percent goes to counties whose effective tax rate is at or above the state average; and

WHEREAS, based on the current formula, only 51 counties in NC would be eligible to receive the 35 percent portion of the school construction money and NO county west of Mecklenburg would receive any portion of these funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners feel that Buncombe County and all the western counties should be included in the funding for school construction and that the entire 40 percent allocated for school construction should be allocated to counties on a per pupil basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That this Board does hereby express its opposition to the current distribution formula for the portion of the lottery proceeds designated for school construction.
2. That this Board does hereby request that the entire portion of lottery proceeds designated for school construction be allocated on a per pupil basis across the state.
3. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the county's legislative delegation.

Adopted this the 21st day of March, 2006.

ATTEST

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK

BY: _____
NATHAN RAMSEY, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM

JOE CONNOLLY, COUNTY ATTORNEY