

Resolution #: _____

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES FOR ELECTIONS TO THE
BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD BY DISTRICT

- WHEREAS, the Buncombe County School Administrative Unit (sometimes herein "Buncombe County Schools") includes 44 schools and serves over 22,000 students;
- WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Schools system is governed by an elected Buncombe County Board of Education comprised of seven members, six of whom must live in each of the six various districts (Enka District, Roberson District, Erwin District, Reynolds District, Owen District and the North Buncombe District) within the larger Buncombe County School Administrative District and with one member serving at-large;
- WHEREAS, public education is one of the most vital functions of local community governance;
- WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Buncombe County invest more of their local taxes into public education than any other public service or infrastructure;
- WHEREAS, for many decades all of the qualified voters who live within the Buncombe County School Administrative Unit have been able to vote for all of the candidates for membership on the Buncombe County Board of Education at large regardless of the district within which the voters reside, creating accountability for decision making and investment of taxpayer dollars; and
- WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Board of Education has not requested a change of elections which would restrict the ability of voters to only vote for two of the seven positions on the school board.

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

1. That the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners formally oppose the proposed legislation that would restrict the ability of citizens in Buncombe County to vote for all the candidates running for the Buncombe County Board of Education.
2. That copy of this Resolution be forwarded members of our legislative local delegation, leaders of the North Carolina General Assembly, and the Office of the Governor.

This the 5th of October, 2021.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney