



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

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Buncombe County Commissioners 2023 Legislative Agenda

Appropriations Priorities

- Seek state funding for State Employees, including K-12 and Community College education, and related capital needs.
- Seek additional state funding and/or direct earmarks for water quality, flood resiliency, and stormwater mitigation projects in the French Broad River basin.
- Seek and advocate for additional state funding to address the Innovation Waiver slots waiting list for IDD individuals in the Buncombe community.
- Seek state funding resources for repairs and improvements to McCormick Field.

Policy Priorities

- Seek additional state funding support for early childhood education and Pre-K programs including simplifying or modifying the subsidy formula for Buncombe County.
- Oppose any proposals that would limit local government ability to regulate short-term rentals or online marketplaces.
- Seek authorization of a General Assembly study for property tax relief and related exemptions for permanent residents of the State of North Carolina.
- Continue to evaluate methods to modernize NC House Occupancy Tax guidelines to meet the evolving visitation and infrastructure needs of Buncombe County.
- Seek additional state investment in broadband including the re-allocation of unspent State or Federal funds to the GREAT Grant program, as well as additional flexibility for local government investment in broadband infrastructure.

