

# Charter School Funding

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Joint Task Force Presentation

K-12 Education Funding

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# Closing the funding gap

- Public charter schools must pay for their facilities from their state and local per pupil monies.
- Traditional public schools DO NOT pay for their facilities.
- On average, public charter schools in NC use 20% of their per pupil funding for facilities. This one fact creates a HUGE inequity in per pupil spending
- COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE FACILITIES (CAPITAL) FUNDING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS IF THEY CHOOSE TO DO SO.



# What does this really mean?

- = Inequitable funding for students
- Message = One student (traditional public) deserves to be funded more than another student (public charter).
- No parent/voter would agree that this is the way it should be.
- \$127,297,649.00 of state dollars NOT available to public charter schools.
- Let's take a look at the numbers...

# Randolph County

- Public Charter

State: \$ 5439.35

Local: \$ 1120.00

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= ~~\$ 6559.00~~  
- 20 % (for facilities)

= \$ 5,247.20      vs.      \$ 6559.00 (per pupil)

= One student deserves more funding than another ???

## Traditional Public

\*State: \$ 5439.35

Local: \$ 1120.00

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= \$ 6559.00





# Randolph County

Randolph County  
student: \$ 6559.00

(+ add'l funding  
NOT available to  
charters)

Uwharrie Charter  
Academy student:

\$ 5,247.30

\$1,300.00 difference  
at a minimum.

# Chatham County

Chatham County  
Student: \$ 8,968.61

Charter school  
student located in  
Chatham: \$ 7,174.89

Uwharrie Charter  
Academy \$ 5,249.30



# Guilford County

Guilford County  
Student: \$ 7,542.72

Charter school  
student located in  
Guilford: \$ 6,034.18

Uwharrie Charter  
Academy \$ 5,249.30





# Make funding equitable for ALL Students

- Repeal Hackney/Nesbitt (all funding should follow the child)
- Examine ALL pots of money for equitable distribution
- Drop transportation grant requirements of 50% free and reduced
- Provide funding for bus drivers
- In statute, LEA's have 30 days from the time they receive local funding to distribute it, yet there are no penalties if they don't AND they keep the interest earned. Add some teeth to the 30 days.