

A CALL TO ACTION TO ENGAGE, COMMIT AND SUSTAIN FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Whereas, parents and caregivers are by far the most important influence in their child's education success; and

Whereas, sustained student achievement is a result of the breadth and depth of family and community involvement in the education decision-making process of children; and

Whereas, a strong home-community-school collaboration is crucial in promoting and sustaining a high graduation rate, which in turn has positive effects on North Carolina's social welfare, economy, and overall health; and

Whereas, families play an important role in cultivating positive attitudes toward learning to such an extent that students experience gains in test scores and higher grades, attendance, improved behavior, homework completion, grade promotion, and self-esteem; and

Whereas, schools that succeed in reaching out to families tend to be higher-performing learning environments that characteristically experience strong, consistent gains in student performance in reading and mathematics; and

Whereas, local public schools need support from families, the business community, the faith community, and government agencies to help young people stay in school and on track for high school graduation;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education are committed to supporting family and community initiatives that meaningfully engage families and communities in the education decision-making process where children are involved.