Greetings from the North Carolina State Board of Education
May 21, 2010

The second week of the 2010 General Assembly Session began with the Senate Education Appropriations subcommittee meeting to release their education budget. The Senate budget reflected an additional 2.9 percent cut to Public Schools, Universities were allocated a .5 percent increase and Community Colleges were given a 5.0 percent increase. The Community College increase was primarily due to enrollment growth during the recession. Following approval by the Senate Education Appropriations subcommittee, the budget was presented to the full Senate on Wednesday (May 19). The budget passed its third reading on Thursday, May 20 and was sent to the House for consideration.

Governor Perdue had requested a bill to assist the State’s Race to the Top second round application which is due June 1. The House Education subcommittee met on Thursday and considered a Committee Substitute Bill for SB 704. The title of the bill is: “Reform Low-Performing Schools.” This statute would authorize the State Board of Education to approve a local board of education’s request to reform any school in its local school administrative unit identified by the State Board as a continually low-performing school. The State Board would have authority to authorize the local board to adopt one of four reform models: Transformation model, Restart model, Turnaround model or School closure model. (Please see Attachment 1, Committee Substitute Bill for SB 704 and the Bill Summary).

Following the consideration of the Committee Substitute Bill for SB 704, the House Education subcommittee met to review the Senate education budget and the House funding targets. The targets total $20.86 million less than the proposed Senate education budget. Representatives McLawhorn, Rapp and Glazier, Co-Chairs, invited the members of the subcommittee to review the Senate education budget and to give them any feedback and suggestions. The House Education subcommittee announced they expect to finalize the education portion of the House budget next Thursday, May 27. The full House is expected to finalize their budget by June 4th followed by three weeks of conferences and a final General Assembly budget by the end of the fiscal year (June 30).

There have been some membership changes to the various House and Senate Education Committees. I have attached an updated list. (Please see Attachment 2).
To date, there have been a total of 228 Senate and 258 House bills filed during the 2010 Legislative Session. The following are the bills pertinent to K-12 education:

HB 1753 School Bus Railroad Crossing Exception (Rep. Underhill)
An act to allow school buses and activity buses to cross certain railroad grade crossings without first stopping.

HB 1756 (SB 1289) Update Statewide Nutrition Standards (Reps. Insko, Rapp, Weiss, Yongue)
An Act directing the State Board of Education to update statewide nutrition standards for food and beverages available in public elementary, middle, and high schools, as recommended by the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

HB 1757 (SB 1296) Physical Education and Activity in Schools (Reps. Insko, Bell, Rapp, Yongue)
An Act to require public schools to use evidence-based fitness testing for students statewide in grades K through 8, as recommended by the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

HB 1772 (SB 1264) Cherokee School Board Terms (Rep. West)
An Act to change the term of office for members of the Cherokee County Board of Education elected in 2010 and thereafter from six years to four years.

HB 1774 (SB 1285) Eliminate Reduced Price School Meals/Funds (Rep. Yongue)
An Act to appropriate funds to the Department of Public Instruction to eliminate the cost of reduced price lunches for school children who qualify for reduced price meals, as recommended by the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

HB 1775 (SB 1151) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Reps. Yongue, Brown, Hughes, Insko)
An Act to direct the Division of Social Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to examine ways to expand and enhance the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in North Carolina, as recommended by the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

HB 1777 (SB 1152) Study Child Nutrition Program (Reps. Yongue, Brown, Insko)
An act authorizing the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee to direct the Program Evaluation Division to study indirect costs under child nutrition programs, as recommended by the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

HB 1778 (SB 1256) Brevard Academy/Retirement Election (Rep. Guice)
An Act to authorize Brevard Academy, an existing charter school, to elect to participate in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees.
HB 1781 (SB 1116) Study/Early Childhood Education and Care (Reps. Rapp, Glazier, Insko)
An Act to establish the Joint Legislative Study Committee on the Consolidation of Early Childhood Education and Care as recommended by the Task Force on the Consolidation of Early Childhood Education and Care.

HB 1782 (SB 1117) Consolidated Report/Early Care & Education (Reps. Rapp, Glazier, Insko)
An Act to provide for a consolidated annual report for various early care and education programs as recommended by the Task Force on the Consolidation of Early Childhood Education and Care.

HB 1783 (SB 1119) Consolidate Regulation/Early Care & Ed Provider (Reps. Rapp, Glazier, Insko)
An Act providing for the consolidation of all regulatory functions regarding the monitoring of private early care and education providers for compliance with the More At Four Program as recommended by the Task Force on the Consolidation of Early Childhood Education and Care.

HB 1784 (SB 1118) Consolidate Payments/Early Care & Ed Provider (Reps. Rapp, Glazier, Insko)
An Act to provide for the consolidation of payments made by multiple public and private agencies to early child care and education providers as recommended by the Task Force on the Consolidation of Early Childhood Education and Child Care.

HB 1815 (SB 1328) North Carolina Science Olympiad Funds (Reps. Glazier, Weiss, Rapp, Yongue)
An Act to appropriate funds to expand the North Carolina Science Olympiad to all one hundred counties.

HB 1826 (SB 1244) SBOE Members Ex Officio to Econ. Dev. Comm. (Reps. Yongue, Braxton, Glazier) An Act to add State Board Of Education Members as nonvoting ex officio members of the commission for each of the seven economic development regions, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Joining Our Businesses and Schools (JOBS) Study Commission.

HB 1827 (SB 1153) Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity (Reps. Yongue, Brown, Hughes, Insko)
An Act to reestablish the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity, as recommended by the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

HB 1832 (SB 1284) Farm to School Program/Funds (Reps. Fisher, McLawhorn, Weiss, Yongue)
An Act to establish an employee position in the Department of Agriculture dedicated to administration and operation of the Farm to School Program and to require the department to report annually on the program, as recommended by the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.
HB 1833 Teacher Assistant Salary Schedule (Rep. Adams)
An Act to establish a new salary schedule for noncertified personnel of the North Carolina Public Schools.

HB 1837 (SB 1141) Task Force on Sports Injuries in Schools (Reps. Cotham, Fisher, Glazier, Rapp)
An Act to establish the Legislative Task Force on Sports Injuries as recommended by the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

HB 1841 Moore County School Board Police (Rep. Boles)
An Act to allow the Moore County Board of Education to maintain a campus police agency.

HB 1843 (SB 1230) Second Tarheel Challenge Academy (Reps. Pierce, Bryant, Current)
An Act to direct the Department Of Public Instruction to assist the National Guard in establishing a second Tarheel Challenge Academy in Badin, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Commission on Poverty Reduction and Economic Recovery.

HB 1848 (SB 1227) Lift Charter Cap/Lunch Requirements (Rep. Pierce)
An Act to raise the cap on the number of charter schools from 100 to 106; to give preference to schools in certain low-wealth counties; to require new charter schools to provide a free and reduced price lunch program; and to require each new charter school to accept a minimum number of students eligible for the free and reduced price lunch program, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Study Commission on Poverty Reduction.

HB 1850 (SB 1228) Parenthood/Financial Education (Rep. Pierce)
An Act to require the inclusion of personal finance and parenthood training in North Carolina's middle-school curriculum, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Study Commission on Poverty Reduction and Economic Recovery.

HB 1851 (SB 1213) Amend State Purchases & Contracts Laws (Reps. Cole, Crawford)
An Act increasing the authority of the Secretary of Administration to provide oversight of the review and award of contracts and to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the contracts process, requiring all state agencies and institutions exempt from Article 3 of Ciew and award of contracts, requiring the attorney general to review certain contracts, and prohibiting the use of cost plus percentage of cost contracts, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee.

HB 1853 (SB 1251) State Health Plan/Treat Teachers Equitably (Reps. Glazier, Cotham)
An Act to grant the same health benefit coverage currently provided to other state employees to teachers who have worked a full school year.
HB 1861 PTA Parental Involvement/Dropout Prev. Funds (Reps. Lucas, Yongue, Glazier, Tarleton)
An Act to appropriate funds for the North Carolina PTA Parent Involvement/Dropout Prevention Initiative.

HB 1862 Funding Flex. Pilot Prog. /Lee County Schools (Rep. Love)
An Act to establish a School Funding Flexibility Pilot Program for Lee County Schools.


HB 1875 (SB 1248) Early Identif. & Interv. For At-Risk Students (Rep. Parmon)
An Act to require local school administrative units to identify students at risk of academic failure and not successfully progressing toward graduation no later than the fourth grade and to provide personal education plans for those students, and to require local school administrative units to report annually to the State Board of Education on the strategies and success of focused intervention for those students, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Commission on Dropout Prevention and High School Graduation.

HB 1876 (SB 1247) Amend Dropout Prevention Grants (Rep. Parmon)
An Act to amend the criteria used by the Committee on Dropout Prevention to award the dropout prevention grants, to direct the Committee On Dropout Prevention to use evaluations from prior grant cycles to identify evidence-based programmatic elements that are effective and replicable, and to allocate funds to study high schools that have significantly reduced their dropout rate to identify programs that merit replication and assess the progress of programs that are no longer receiving dropout prevention grants, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Commission on Dropout Prevention and High School Graduation.

HB 1877 (SB 1246) Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (Rep. Parmon)
An Act to direct the State Board of Education to develop a growth model for establishing short-term annual goals for improving the four-year cohort graduation rate, and to establish a long-term goal of increasing the statewide four-year cohort graduation rate.

HB 1878 (SB 1250) Communities in Schools Funds (Rep. Parmon)
An Act to appropriate funds for Communities in Schools of North Carolina, Inc., programs and services and to place no fewer than one hundred graduation coaches in either middle or high schools, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Commission on Dropout Prevention and High School Graduation.

HB 1879 (SB 1249) Study Raising Compulsory Attendance (Rep. Parmon)
An Act to direct the State Board of Education to establish a Blue Ribbon Task Force to study the impacts of raising the compulsory attendance age for public school attendance prior to completion of a high school diploma from sixteen to seventeen or eighteen, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Commission on Dropout Prevention and High School Graduation.
HB 1896 School Calendar Flexibility/Inclement Weather (Rep. Guice)
An Act to give flexibility to make up instructional days missed due to inclement weather during the 2009-2010 school year to the local school administrative unit located in Transylvania County.

HB 1898 Universal Childhood Vaccine Program (Rep. England)
An Act pertaining to the universal childhood immunization program; to establish the North Carolina childhood vaccine association; to provide for assessment of health insurers for the purchase, storage, distribution, and quality assurance of certain vaccines; and to establish the childhood immunization account, as recommended by the Public Health Study Commission.

HB 1899 (SB 1266) Funds For School-Based Health Centers (Rep. England)
An Act to appropriate funds for school-based and school-linked adolescent health care centers, as recommended by the Public Health Study Commission.

HB 1904 (SB 1286) Screen And Reduce BMI Levels in Children (Reps. England, Hughes, Weiss, Yongue)
An Act to require the Department Of Health and Human Services to explore ways to implement body mass index screening for certain children who are at risk of becoming obese and to reduce body mass index levels for all children, as recommended by the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

HB 1917 (SB 1339) National School Lunch Program/Funds (Reps. Howard, Insko, McLawhorn)
An Act to require the Department of Public Instruction to use a specified amount of child nutrition program funds as required state matching funds for meals under the national school lunch program, as recommended by the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

SB 1198 (SB 1699) Education Cabinet Est. Stem Priority (Rep. Swindell)
An Act to direct the Education Cabinet to set as a priority an increase in the number of postsecondary credentials in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and to support efforts to achieve that priority, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Joining our Businesses and Schools (JOBS) Study Commission.

SB 1199 (HB 1724) NC Biotechnology and Agriscience School (Rep. Swindell)
An Act to create the North Carolina School of Biotechnology and Agriscience to be located at the Vernon G. James Research and Extension Center, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Joining Our Businesses and Schools (JOBS) Study Commission.

SB 1200 (HB 1718) Jobs Commission Pilot Schools (Rep. Swindell)
An Act to provide funds for planning and funding of pilot programs recommended by the Joint Legislative Joining Our Businesses and Schools (JOBS) Study Commission.
SB 1201 (HB 1719) Add'l Flex. /Coop. Innovative High Schools (Rep. Swindell)
An Act to provide additional operating flexibility to cooperative innovative high schools, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Joining Our Businesses and Schools (JOBS) Study Commission.

An Act to expand models of cooperative innovative high school programs to include five-year career academies within existing schools and to require that career academies approved as cooperative innovative high schools not receive a separate school code and that records be maintained for students enrolled in the career academies, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Joining Our Businesses and Schools (JOBS) Study Commission.

SB 1210 Increase Licensure Fees/Athletic Trainers (Rep. Cole)
An Act authorizing the North Carolina Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners to increase licensure fees under the Athletic Trainers Licensing Act.

SB 1213 (HB 1851) Amend State Purchases and Contracts Laws (Rep. Clodfelter)
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An Act to grant the same health benefit coverage currently provided to other state employees to teachers who have worked a full school year.

SB 1253 (HB 1864) No High School Graduation Proj. Required (Rep. Stevens)

An Act removing the high school graduation project as a requirement for graduation.
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**SB 1265 (HB 1897) Treatment of Autism Disorders (Rep. Purcell)**
An Act to require health benefit plans, including the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees, to provide coverage for treatment of autism spectrum disorders as recommended by the Joint Study Committee on Autism Spectrum Disorder and Public Safety.

**SB 1266 (HB 1899) Funds for School-Based Health Centers (Rep. Purcell)**
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**SB 1287 (HB 1726) Improve Child Care Nutrition/Activity Stnds (Rep. Purcell)**
An Act to require the Child Care Commission, in consultation with the Division of Child Development of the Department of Health and Human Services, to develop improved nutrition standards for child care facilities, and to direct the Division of Child Development to study and recommend guidelines for increased levels of physical activity in child care facilities, as recommended by the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.
SB 1289 (HB 1756) Update Statewide Nutrition Standards (Rep. Purcell)
An Act directing the State Board of Education to update statewide nutrition standards for food and beverages available in public elementary, middle and high schools, as recommended by the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

SB 1296 (HB 1757) Physical Education and Activity in School (Rep. Dannelly)
An Act to require public schools to use evidence-based fitness testing for students statewide in grades K through 8, as recommended by the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

SB 1307 (HB 1890) Modify MHDDSAS Reporting Requirements (Rep. Nesbitt)
An Act to modify reporting requirements pertaining to mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services.

SB 1328 (HB 1815) North Carolina Science Olympiad Funds (Rep. Dickson)
An Act to appropriate funds to expand the North Carolina Science Olympiad to all one hundred counties.

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An Act to require the Department of Public Instruction to use a specified amount of child nutrition program funds as required state matching funds for meals under the national school lunch program, as recommended by the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

The following bills have been calendared in committees next week:
- HB 1682 Ban Corporal Punishment for Children with Disabilities
- HB 1683 Amend Sunset/Children with Disabilities
- HB 1700 Career Academy as Cooperative Innovative High School
- HB 1756 Update Statewide Nutrition Standards
- HB 1757 Physical Education and Activity in Schools
- SB 1151 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- SB 1152 Study Child Nutrition Program
- SB 1153 Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity

We appreciate your comments and are happy to respond to your questions or concerns.
Thank you.

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