

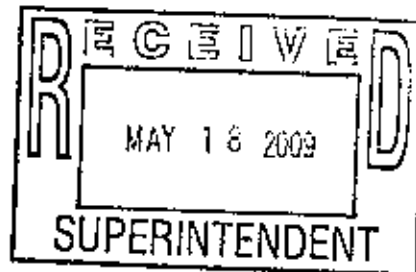


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Dr. Del Burns, Superintendent
Wake County Public School System
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Dear Dr. Burns:

I am in receipt of the Resolution adopted by the Wake County Board of Education requesting a waiver of the 180 instructional day requirement. While accommodating the time off may be difficult for some employees, there are opportunities to implement the time between the present and December 31.

The economic conditions are much worse than we could have imagined. Every effort is being made to address the situation in a fair and equitable manner. The number one priority of the Governor and all of us is to protect the classroom and ensuring we do not short change our students.

I appreciate the efforts of you and your Board of Education and look forward to supporting your efforts.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Harrison, Ed.D.

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER



RESOLUTION
Response to Governor's Executive Order 11, Flexible Furlough
MAY 5, 2009

WHEREAS, Governor Beverly Perdue issued an Executive Order requiring a .5 percent reduction in the wages of State paid employees before the end of the fiscal year and with a provision of 10 hours of flexible leave to these employees to be taken between June 1 and December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the economic crisis facing the State and the Governor's constitutional requirement to balance the State budget, but strongly objects to the directives of the Executive Order and the failure of the Order to consider its impact on the operation of public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order creates inherent inequities in light of the various funding sources of school employee salaries; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order fails to account for the daily demands of providing educational services to students 180 days of the year, including the necessity of teachers, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, and myriad others to be at work every school day; and

WHEREAS, many school staff will be unable to utilize the flexible furlough hours provided under the Executive Order.

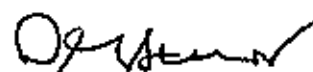
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Education requests the Governor, the Legislature, and the State Board of Education:

1. Take whatever action is necessary to reduce the minimum 180 instructional day requirement by one day for the 2008-2009 school year to allow this time to be used for the flexible furlough required by the Executive Order; and
2. Seek alternative methods for balancing the State budget that adequately address the complexities of operating a local school district.

Approved and adopted this 5th day of May 2009.



Rosa U. Gill, Chair
Wake County Board of Education



Del Burns, Superintendent
Wake County Public School System