



New Hanover County Board of Education Legislative Priorities

Legislative Priorities:

To advance academic excellence for all students, we advocate for sustained investment in systems and programs that strengthen learning outcomes at every level.

- Create a standalone allotment for Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Coordinators to ensure students receive timely, targeted academic and behavioral interventions that drive achievement and close gaps.
- Pre-K Expansion to provide equitable access to high-quality early learning, building a strong academic foundation for lifelong success.
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Investments, including initiatives like the Be Pro Be Proud Truck, to expand workforce-ready skills and increase student access to high-demand career pathways.



Academic
Excellence



Safe & Supportive
Learning
Environment

Legislative Priorities:

To ensure every student learns in a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment, we support policies that prioritize both student well-being and facility improvements.

- Exceptional Children (EC) Weighted Funding Model to provide equitable, student-centered funding that enhances services and outcomes for students with diverse learning needs.
- Significantly increase allotments for Instructional Support Personnel (counselors, social workers, and other support personnel) to enhance student safety, mental health, and overall well-being.
- Expanded Lottery Funding for School Renovation and Repair to maintain modern, secure, and high-quality learning spaces that support student success.

Legislative Priorities:

To cultivate a positive and collaborative workplace where educators thrive, we advocate for strategies that support recruitment, retention, and professional sustainability.

- Increased Teacher Salaries for Mid-Career Educators (15–24 Years of Experience) to retain highly effective teachers, reduce burnout, and ensure continuity of high-quality instruction for students.



Safe & Supportive
Working
Environment



Family & Community
Engagement

Legislative Priorities:

To strengthen partnerships with families and the broader community, we advocate for policies and resources that remove barriers, expand opportunities, and ensure equitable access for all students.

- Supplement the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Meal Program with additional funding so that all students are offered free and nutritious meals regardless of financial need or which school they attend. This will reduce barriers to learning and support student well-being.
- Calendar Flexibility to empower districts and families with balanced instructional schedules that better align with student needs, assessments, and family planning.
- Funding for the IBEC Building to expand early college opportunities and strengthen partnerships between schools, families, and higher education institutions.
- Compulsory Attendance Policies that promote consistent student engagement while supporting families through proactive, collaborative approaches to attendance.