
We rallied into summer!

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Message Delivered

GCAE members and allies gathered on Thursday to march and rally before the Board of County Commissioners Budget Public Hearing with two core messages for our community:

1. **Guilford's schools need Guilford's help!** We told our county commissioners that we need them to stand in the gap for our schools and students as we face local and state underfunding, along with the loss of federal Covid money.
2. **Keep public money in public schools!** Tax dollars don't belong in private school vouchers or local charter capital outlay projects when



our public schools are in dire need of resources.

The Wins So Far:

1. Our Board of Education passed a [resolution](#) in the fall calling on the commissioners to commit to keeping public money in public schools.
2. GCAE member organizers collected [2,317 GCS worker signatures](#) on the "Guilford's Schools Need Guilford's Help" petition, with 14 buildings at supermajority participation and 28 buildings at majority participation.
3. After the [GCAE Workers' Budget Presentation](#), our Board of Education passed a [budget request](#) meeting our petition demands.
4. GCAE members met with commissioners during the [GCAE Town Hall](#) to have a serious conversation about funding public schools in Guilford County. At the Town Hall, commissioners committed to working on an op-ed to submit unanimously, calling on the state to fully fund public schools and calling on other county Boards to lift their voices too.
5. **WE RALLIED INTO SUMMER!** Last week, GCS workers marched, sang, chanted, rallied, and gave public comments letting the Board of County Commissioners know that it's their time to step up for the students of Guilford County. At the meeting, Commissioner and GCAE member Mary Beth Murphy delivered a statement ([now published as an op-ed](#)) from the Board, as promised at the Town Hall.

Up Next:

The Guilford County community will not rest when our kids aren't getting the full public school funding they deserve. We will push for the county to cover as much of the gap as we can - and then take the fight to the 2024 elections.

1. The Board of County Commissioners will meet on June 20 to vote on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. You can [contact your commissioner](#) to share why fully funding public schools matters to you and your students.
2. This summer, GCAE members are knocking doors and canvassing in Guilford County to build power by connecting with our coworkers, recruiting union members, and talking to education voters.
3. This fall, schools vote together for education!



Plug in and Build YOUR Union!

Campaign leaders across GCS took action together to get Guilford's help for Guilford's schools.

- Check out our [Resource Bank](#) for our campaign demand to Keep Public Money in Public Schools.
 - See photos and press coverage of our Workers' Budget Presentation & petition delivery [here](#).
 - See photos and press coverage of our Vigil to Keep Watch for Public Schools [here](#).
 - Sign the NCAE petition to keep public money in public schools here:
<http://link.ncae.org/Public-Dollars-Petition>
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NEA Representative Assembly

A total of [9 delegates](#) from GCAE will be representing our members at the NEA Representative Assembly on July 3-7 in Philadelphia. Delegates will be debating and voting on the business of our union at the convention. Delegates may also be reaching out to you for PAC donations as we gear up for the 2024 election. Thank you, delegates!

Summer Member Organizing

12 GCAE members will be getting trained on organizing conversations and heading out to neighborhoods and homes of our coworkers this summer! Our goal is to hear from as many of our coworkers as we can and offer folks the opportunity to build power with each other by joining our union.

Ways to Plug In with NCAE & NEA:

GCAE is the local affiliate of our state union, NCAE, and our national union, NEA. The following opportunities are available for all GCAE members ready to learn one more thing, take one more step, or dig just a little bit deeper.

- **Petition to Keep Public Money in Public Schools**
 - Sign here: <http://link.ncae.org/Public-Dollars-Petition>
- **Email Your Legislators: Support the 'Children's Bill of Rights' and House Bill 993**
 - Send here: <http://bit.ly/nomorevouchers>

- **NEA Webinar: Educator Mental Health – It’s Okay Not To Be Okay**
 - Wednesday, June 12, 6:30-7:30 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/nea/event/633667/>
- **NEA Postcard Design Contest for Get Out The Vote**
 - Prizes for winners!
 - Submit your design by June 14: <https://educationvotes.nea.org/take-action/enter-postcard-contest/>
- **ESP Council**
 - Guilford ESPs may apply for Secretary or Treasurer.
 - [Rolling Application](#) (due before June 15 Council Meeting)
- **NCAE Schools Vote Together**
 - Interest Form: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/584448/>

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