

VOUCHERS set to take MORE public \$ from public schools

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Veto Override 10/9

Here's what we know about [House Bill 10](#):

- It contains legislation about ICE but also includes voucher expansion to eliminate the waiting list and spend hundreds of millions of tax payer dollars to subsidize private school education for even the wealthiest families in North Carolina.



- It passed the House and Senate and then went to Governor Cooper, who vetoed it.
- It will be back at the General Assembly for a possible veto override vote on Wednesday, October 9.
- Republicans hold a supermajority in the General Assembly, so under normal circumstances, they would be able to override the veto and enact the legislation. BUT...
 - 3 General Assembly Democrats voted *for* the bill originally, so those 3 votes could change.
 - Several Republican elected leaders, particularly in rural counties, were absent from the original vote and may be movable.
 - Overall, vouchers are an unpopular concept with North Carolina voters, and it's Election Season.

What can you do?

- Call your legislators, and tell them how you feel. Start with, "I'm a public school worker. I need you to stop vouchers NOW because..." Find your legislators at: ncleg.gov/findyourlegislators
- Join the NCAE all-member call TONIGHT to talk about school-level walk-ins to demonstrate against voucher expansion. Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/706085/>
- Plan a special [#RedForEd](#) at your building to unite around the message to "KEEP PUBLIC MONEY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS!"
- [Join GCAE to canvass this weekend!](#) We know that no matter how the HB 10 vote goes, we *have* to break the supermajority. *And* we need to elect public school champions all the way up and down the ballot.

Public Schools Are on the Ballot! Here's what you can do to elect pro-public education candidates from the top of the ballot to the bottom.

1. Make a plan to vote. Check out bit.ly/GuilfordEV for Early Voting locations, dates, and times, OR vote on Election Day at your precinct polling location. Remember to bring your ID.

2. Canvass with your coworkers. We are targeting specific voters who support public schools and need to come out to vote in support of our Focus Five candidates: Josh Stein for Governor, Mo Green for State Superintendent, Allison Riggs for NC Supreme Court, Tanneshia Dukes for NC House District 59, and Mary Beth Murphy for County Commission. Canvassing is *effective*, and we'll train you, support you, and give you a fun partner! You might even get some swag!!! Sign up with a coworker today: bit.ly/GCAEcanvass24

3. Help your coworkers make a plan to vote and canvass using Commitment Cards. If you need cards, reply to this email to request them! Track your building's progress at bit.ly/GCAEtracker24

Need some union & election swag? Check out the brand new [GCAE Shirt Shop!](#)

Helping Our Neighbors in Western NC

NCAE's charitable arm, the [North Carolina Foundation for Public School Children](#), is mobilizing now to support students and school communities impacted by Hurricane Helene. Please consider making a donation to our Disaster Relief Fund. ncae.org/helene

Plug in and Build YOUR Union!

Canvassing Every Saturday!

<http://bit.ly/GCAEcanvas24>

Saturdays

Shifts 10:00-1:00 and 2:00-5:00.

[Register](#)

GCAE Mass Meeting

<https://bit.ly/GCAEmass10-10-24>

Thursday, October 10

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Smith High School Media Center

[Register](#)

Schools Vote Together March to the Polls

<http://bit.ly/GCAEsvt11-2-24>

Saturday, November 2

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

[Register](#)

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.

- **Connect with NCAE & NEA**
 - Fill out: <http://join.nea.org/north-carolina/connect>
- **NCAE 2024-25 Learning the Landscape Political Education**
 - 1st Mondays, 6-7:30 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/649345/>
- **Fall 2024 Building Team Virtual Training Series**
 - 2nd Mondays, 6-8 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/648990/>
- **NCAE 2024-25 Local Strength Cohort Meetings**
 - 4th Mondays, 6-7:30 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/649000/>

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