

Coworkers in the news!

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You and your coworkers showed up on April 8 to let the Board of Education know that *one job should be enough!* About 70 workers and community partners from Guilford For All rallied outside the Board of Education prior to the meeting, and 10 GCAE members & allies spoke during the Budget Public Hearing. Board members Alan Sherouse and Deena Haye referenced members' comments during their closing statements.



Check out news coverage, photos, and videos of the event!

- [Budget Public Hearing Highlights Reel](#) (See your coworkers bring the 🔥!)
- [Fox 8 Coverage](#)
- [WFMY Coverage](#)
- [WFDD Coverage](#)
- [Greensboro News & Record Coverage](#)
- [Full Video of Meeting, including Budget Public Hearing](#)
 - Budget Hearing Part 1 = 1:23-1:36
 - Budget Hearing Part 2 = 1:43-2:00
 - BOE Member Comments = 3:08-end
 - Prioritize Alan Sherouse at 3:16
 - Prioritize Deena Hayes-Greene at 3:26

Now what?

While the Board of Education passed a budget request that reflects the needs of GCS workers, the Board declined to make a request of the County Commissioners to raise the property tax rate by \$0.02 to help fund the budget request. (A \$0.02 property tax rate increase would generate \$14 million in recurring annual funds and would cost the average Guilford County property owner about \$5 per month.)

Some wins to claim:

- The Board of Education passed a budget request that reflects the needs of all GCS workers.
- After small group meetings with Board of Education members and GCAE members, many BOE members expressed their commitment to working with Commissioners towards a real solution to the budget shortfall in order to pay workers fairly.
- County Commissioners are discussing how to increase the public school budget during their budgeting work sessions. Several Commissioners have been verbally opposed to any property tax increase. However, the conversation has shifted from austerity for all to finding creative solutions to fund local public schools. In all likelihood, that shift is due to our work and the work of our partners at Guilford For All in not letting Commissioners off the hook on education funding.
- The fight's not over; it's just beginning. In order to win fair pay for workers, we can continue to pressure our Boards to find funding, either by increasing the property tax rate or coming up with another solution. What we know is that we will not accept our *kids* paying the price in the form of understaffed and under-resourced schools.

Up next:

- Come to the [May Mass Meeting](#) to plan next steps targeting our Board of County Commissioners to fund our schools.
- We know our state and federal elected officials are the ones to blame for attacks on our public schools, especially funding gaps. [Deliver a petition to Thom Tillis on May Day](#) with your coworkers!
- Save the date: JUNE 5, Rally at the Board of County Commissioners Budget Public Hearing!

Plug in and Build YOUR Union!

May Day Letter Drop

<https://tinyurl.com/GsoMayDay>

Thursday, May 1

5:30 PM

Senator Thom Tillis'
Greensboro Office

[Register](#)

GCAE Mass Meeting

Thursday, May 8

[Register](#)

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

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.

- **SMO T-Shirt Design Contest**
 - Entries due April 21
 - Information: <http://link.ncae.org/SMODesignContest>
- **NCAE From Bills to Advocacy: Legislative Update and Action Steps**
 - Wednesday, April 23, 6:00-7:00 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncac/event/750617/>
- **Region 4 Statewide Campaign Meeting**
 - Monday, May 5, 6:00-7:30 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncac/event/764024/>
- **NCAE Lobby Days**
 - April 30, May 14, May 28
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncac/event/764447/>
- **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/ncac/event/649345/>
- **NCAE 2024-25 Building Team Virtual Training Series**
 - 2nd Mondays, 6-8 PM, virtual
 - Register: <http://link.ncae.org/BLOT-SPRING25>
- **NCAE 2024-25 Local Strength Cohort Meetings**
 - 4th Mondays, 6-7:30 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncac/event/649000/>

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