
School's over, but the fight's not!

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You and your coworkers SHOWED UP and SPOKE OUT at the Board of County Commissioners Public Budget Hearing on Thursday!

As soon as the rain cleared, GCS workers and community supporters marched while singing and chanting support for public schools, students, and workers. The crowd carried signs, banners, and one giant school bus, as well as red flowers symbolizing our love for our schools and students.

Upon arrival at the Courthouse, the crowd visited the Public School Strong #TeachTruth table and heard from speakers Tessa Pendley (Union Hill ES), Rondeshia Wallace (Peck ES), Samantha Patino-Perez (Middle College at GTCC-Jamestown), Brian Spurlock (Guilford For All), and Toby Hedgepeth (Public School Strong).

At the climax of the event, the crowd of public school supporters came together to sign a giant letter to Commissioners by placing flowers around the message. AND workers and community members delivered over 200 handwritten letters to the Commissioners asking them to increase funding for public schools in the upcoming budget.

Workers and community members spoke at the microphone for two minutes each for over an hour inside the Courthouse, letting Commissioners know that we are prioritizing public schools as a community, and we expect the budget to reflect our priority.

What's next?

The Board of County Commissioners is scheduled to vote on the budget on Wednesday, June 18. Until then, you can continue to call and email your Commissioner to let them know that you are a voter who wants public education funded well in our local budget. [Find your Commissioner here.](#)

Press Coverage:

- [Rhino Times: Public Speakers To Commissioners: Give The Schools More Money!](#)
 - *On Thursday, June 5, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed 2025-2026 county budget, and over 30 speakers came forward – many of them educators, parents, and school employees – strongly urging the board to increase local funding for the Guilford County Schools system.*
- [ABC45: Guilford County educators rally for increased school funding amid budget talks](#)
 - *"Let us pay so kids don't have to," was a rallying cry heard from the crowd. The Guilford County Association of Educators is pushing for a \$43 million increase in operational funding, which includes pay raises for classified employees, safety and security enhancements, and competitive pay.*
- [Greensboro News & Record: Teachers group urges commissioners to give more money to Guilford County Schools](#)

- Chants of “Education is a right that is why we’ve got to fight” rang out as a group of roughly 100 members of the Guilford County Association of Educators marched through downtown Greensboro calling for the Guilford County Commissioners to increase funding for public schools.
- [Fox8: Guilford County educators express concerns over recommended county budget](#)
 - Featuring GCAE members Sarah Jones & Edwena Miles, G4A member Karrie Parrish
- [WFDD: Guilford educators, residents call for more support for schools in county budget](#)
 - Guilford residents, parents and educators are advocating for an increase in funding for schools in the county budget.



During Early Enrollment, new members pay NO DUES until September! Now is a great time to [join your union](#) and to ask your coworkers to join!

1. Recruit a member by having a one-on-one or two-on-one conversation with them. Plan your conversation using the membership rap: bit.ly/GCAEmembrap
2. If your coworker says YES, have them fill out a paper Membership Form (bring a printed copy - tinyurl.com/GCAE-EE25-memb). Scan and email the form to gcaenc@gmail.com and forms@ncae.org.
3. Regardless of the outcome, fill out the Conversation Tracker to add your building to the count of membership conversations happening in GCAE! tinyurl.com/EEmembdrive

Plug in and Build YOUR Union!

**NO KINGS Mass
Protest**

<https://mobilize.us/s/toiSAH/r>

Saturday, June 14

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

High Point, NC

Register

5:30 PM

Old Guilford County
Courthouse

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.

- **Connect with NCAE & NEA**
 - Fill out: <http://join.nea.org/north-carolina/connect>

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