

Get on the Bus - literally!

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Last week, you and your coworkers led the way towards May Day!

On **Tuesday night**, after hundreds of workers put in absences for May Day, our Board of Education voted to make May 1 an optional teacher workday! That made Guilford the second district in the state to shut down, after Chatham County. We've now been joined by Asheville City Schools, Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools, Durham, Orange County, and Forsyth County, with more to come.

We know that May 1 is NOT a day off; we've got work to do!

So **GET ON THE BUS** and join your coworkers in Raleigh on May Day to demand that our state prioritize **Kids Over Corporations**. We have two yellow school



MAY DAY 2026

10 AM - 3 PM

Halifax Mall
300 N Salisbury St
Raleigh, NC

GET ON THE BUS
RESERVE YOUR SEAT \$10/\$5
Info: tinyurl.com/MayDayTransport

Ride with us

Other ways to travel

NCbyTrain.org
Deals - state employee 15% off
\$31 round trip 1 mile walk
8:24 AM GSO - 10:05 AM RDU
3:54 PM RDU - 5:36 PM GSO

CARPPOOL
offer to pay
for gas or parking
Parking Available in Decks for \$5/hr
& Free Satellite parking (15 min walk)

WE STAND UNITED
GCAE

GSO bus pick up @ Dudley High
HPIJT bus pick up @ Ragsdale High

buses to fill for Raleigh. One is meeting at Ragsdale for the Jamestown/High Point area. The other is meeting at Dudley for the Greensboro area. We have a suggested donation of \$10 to ride the bus or a reduced donation of \$5. These donations will go towards tipping our drivers and stocking waters and snacks on the bus. The buses are sponsored by Bill Goebel. Learn more: tinyurl.com/MayDayTransport

GO TIME:

- Sign the May Day invitation today: tinyurl.com/GCAEMayDay26
- Track your progress: tinyurl.com/GotBtracker
- Get on the bus: tinyurl.com/MayDayTransport
- Volunteer: link.ncae.org/Volunteer-May-1st

May Day Escalation Calendar

DATE	SOLIDARITY EVENT
Friday, April 24	Host a Walk-In at your building tinyurl.com/host-a-walk-in
Saturday, April 25	Community Art Build with Down Home NC & Public School Strong tinyurl.com/GCAEartbuild
Monday, April 27	NCAE Kids Over Corporations Mass Call mobilize.us/ncae/event/904999/
Wednesday, April 29	Kids Over Corporations Banner Drop with Indivisible mobilize.us/indivisible/event/827367/
Friday, May 1	MAY DAY IN RALEIGH! mobilize.us/nea/event/924786/
Saturday, May 2	Triad May Day March & Rally actionnetwork.org/events/may-day-8
Thursday, May 14	GCAE Mass Meeting - May Day debrief and planning for the next big collective action! tinyurl.com/GCAEmass5-14-26

This is a movement! Remember, May Day Strong is making a *national* call for *no work, no school, no shopping* on May Day. It's even on TV! Labor leaders Richard Koritz and O.W. Sweeney talked to GCAE President Joanna Pendleton recently on the Greensboro local labor show, [You Gotta Laugh to Keep from Cryin](#), about May Day in NC and the Triad.

Union Election Results

Statewide union election results are posted! <https://www.ncae.org/2026-ncae-election-results>

Congratulations to all statewide Board seat winners, including our own Shana Richards (NEA Director), Alexa Veach (Admin Division President), Tanisha Richards (R4 Admin Division Director), and Avis Douglass-Burnett (R4 ESP Director).

Locally, your newly elected Board members (taking office July 1) are:

- Secretary: Kimberly Singletary
- Treasurer: Kathleen Herbst
- Elementary Director 1: Tamisha Davis
- Elementary Director 3: Tonya Johnson
- Elementary Director 4: Hannae Avery
- Middle School Director: Selena Keith
- High School Director: Lisa Randall
- ESP Director: Christopher McCain
- Student Services Director: Betsy Sumerford

Your Guilford delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly are:

- Joanna Pendleton, Region 4
 - Amy Harrison, Region 4
 - Alexa Veach, NCAE Category 2 (Admin)
 - Kenya Donaldson, Division of Principals/Administrators
 - Tanisha Richards, Division of Principals/Administrators
 - Shana Richards
 - Crystal Charles
 - Crystal Satterfield
 - Saletta Urena
 - Elizabeth Hackney
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- Avis Douglass-Burnett

Plug In and Build YOUR Union

May Day Community Art Build

tinyurl.com/GCAEartbuild

Saturday, April 25

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Reclaim Carolina Center,
Greensboro

Register

**NCAE May Day 2026:
Workers Over Billionaires**

mobilize.us/nea/event/924786/

Friday, May 1

Raleigh

Register

Triad May Day March & Rally

actionnetwork.org/events/may-day-8

Saturday, May 2

Downtown Greensboro

Register

Retirement Workshop with Colleen

[Information](#)

Monday, May 4

6:30 PM

Virtual

Register

GCAE Mass Meeting

tinyurl.com/GCAEmass5-14-26

Thursday, May 14

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Smith High School

Register

Have a Building Meeting!

any time

at YOUR work site!

Sample Agenda

Take a #RedForEd Group Photo

Every Wednesday

at YOUR work site!

How To #RedForEd

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.

- **NCAE Schoolhouse Voices Parent & Community Training Series**
 - Thursday, April 23, 6:00-7:30 PM
 - Virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/854110/>
 - **Kids Over Corporations Mass Meeting**
 - Monday, April 27, 6:00-7:00 PM
 - Virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/904999/>
 - **Kids Over Corporations Community Info Session**
 - Wednesday, April 29, 6:30-7:00 PM
 - Virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/915690/>
 - **Volunteer at May Day!**
 - Friday, May 1
 - Raleigh
 - Sign up: <http://link.ncae.org/Volunteer-May-1st>
 - **NCAE NBCT Network Support Sessions**
 - May 12, May 19
 - Virtual
 - [Information & Registration](#)
 - **Connect with NCAE & NEA**
 - Fill out: <http://join.nea.org/north-carolina/connect>
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Ways to Plug In with Our Community Partners:

- **G4A Parent Power: Guilford Families Fighting for Our Schools**
 - Thursday, April 23, 5:45-7:30 PM
 - Greensboro
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/downhomenc/event/882748/>
 - **May Day Triad, NC: March & Rally**
 - Saturday, May 2, 3:00-5:00 PM
 - Downtown Greensboro
 - Register: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/may-day-8>
 - **Public School Strong Organizing Meeting**
 - Tuesday, May 12, 7:00-8:30 PM
 - Virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/downhomenc/event/596321/>
 - **Participate in a study for inclusion specialists**
 - [Information](#)
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