

**Tell Gov. Stein to Veto SB 889**

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**Action Alert**

Senate Bill 889 is a moratorium on property tax re-evaluations for the 26-27 budget year. The moratorium would have affected 12 counties, but 7 have been exempted via this or other legislation. Guilford County is the largest county affected, and the bill has been championed by Guilford legislators John Blust (District 62) and Alan Branson (District 59).

This bill, if signed into law, would mean that Guilford County reverts to a hold-harmless budget – no increases from the 25-26 fiscal year. For public schools, that would mean literally not being able to keep the lights on, in addition to leaving our classified staff without a raise of any kind as inflation and cost of living skyrocket. For county services, it would mean major cuts to staff and programming.



The bill is on Governor Josh Stein's desk to sign or veto. If the Governor chooses to veto, one or both houses of NC Congress may NOT have the supermajority votes to override the veto, so it's essential to get the veto from Stein. He's facing some narrative about how "the people need tax relief," so he may have a reason to sign unless we offer a counter-narrative.

Make the call and ask Governor Josh Stein to veto this bill! The Guilford County Commission has proposed a compromise budget that would lower the tax rate, but still maintain enough funding for county services, including education funding for Guilford County Schools, but this bill takes away the local power and hands it to Raleigh.

✉ Write a letter: <https://tinyurl.com/vetoSB889>

✉ Make a phone call to Governor Josh Stein's office: To leave a voicemail for Governor Josh Stein, call the North Carolina Office of the Governor directly at (919) 814-2000. Press 5. The phone line is typically answered by constituent services or a staffer during standard business hours (Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST). Call script here: <https://rebrand.ly/SB889-Veto>



We showed up in Raleigh on May Day 15,000-strong and ready to fight for our public school students. May Day was neither the beginning nor the end of our Kids Over Corporations campaign, and we're here to continue the fight.

Building power as a union means also building our membership density. We now have four locals in North Carolina at union majority, including our neighboring Forsyth County. Guilford's on the shortlist to be next!

What does majority density gain us? POWER. Durham and Asheville City (majority locals) are now in meet & confer negotiations with their district leaders, giving workers more power over their own working conditions and an effective avenue for negotiation.

Many of your coworkers aren't yet union members because no one has asked them yet! You can be the one to invite them to change their working conditions by taking collective action with their coworkers.

### Recruitment Resources:

- [May Day Recruitment Rap](#) (a way you can talk to your coworkers about joining)
- Membership Sign-Up: [ncae.org/join](http://ncae.org/join)
- Early Enrollment Paper Form: [tinyurl.com/GuilCoEE26](http://tinyurl.com/GuilCoEE26)
- Early Enrollment: Members who sign up between now and the end of August don't pay dues until September!
- If you need a staff & member list for your building, email [gcaenc@gmail.com](mailto:gcaenc@gmail.com).
- Email all completed paper forms to [forms@ncae.org](mailto:forms@ncae.org) AND [gcaenc@gmail.com](mailto:gcaenc@gmail.com).

### Incentives:

- All new members receive a GCAE t-shirt to wear on #RedForEd Wednesdays.
- Invite a Member Organizer to your building to help you recruit members, and they'll bring donuts! Email [gcaenc@gmail.com](mailto:gcaenc@gmail.com) to set up your building visit.
- Members who recruit 4 new members by September 1, 2026, can join the GCAE Organizing Committee and receive an exclusive Organizing Committee hoodie. Report your new recruits by emailing [gcaenc@gmail.com](mailto:gcaenc@gmail.com)!

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## Plug In and Build YOUR Union

<b>Endorsement Interview:</b> <b>Dr. Elma Hairston, HD59</b>  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/GCAEhairston-interview">tinyurl.com/GCAEhairston-interview</a>	<b>Thursday, June 18</b>  6:00 PM  Virtual	<b>Register</b>
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<b>Endorsement Interview:</b> <b>Amanda Cook, HD60</b>  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/GCAEcook-interview">tinyurl.com/GCAEcook-interview</a>	<b>Saturday, June 20</b>  4:00 PM  Virtual	<b>Register</b>
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<b>Endorsement Interview:</b> <b>Shelly Headen, HD62</b>  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/GCAEheaden-interview">tinyurl.com/GCAEheaden-interview</a>	<b>Saturday, June 20</b>  5:00 PM  Virtual	<b>Register</b>
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<b>Endorsement Meeting &amp; Vote</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 24</b> 6:00 PM Virtual	<b>Register</b>
<a href="https://tinyurl.com/GCAEmass6-24-26">tinyurl.com/GCAEmass6-24-26</a>		
<b>Skills to Win Training</b>	<b>Sat-Sun, August 8-9</b> 12:00-5:00 PM Virtual	<b>Interest Form</b>
<b>Have a Building Meeting!</b>	<b>any time</b> at YOUR work site!	<b>Sample Agenda</b>
<b>Take a #RedForEd Group Photo</b>	<b>Every Wednesday</b> at YOUR work site!	<b>How To #RedForEd</b>

**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>

## Ways to Plug In with Our Community Partners:

- **NC Budget & Tax Center: Making Connections: Why Tax Cuts Work for Corporations but NOT for You**
  - Wednesday, June 17, 6:30-7:30 PM
  - Virtual
  - Register: <https://ncbudget.org/makingconnections/>
- **Siembra: Greensboro ICE Watch Training**
  - Thursday, June 18, 6:00-8:00 PM
  - College Park Baptist Church
  - Register: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/greensboro-ice-watch-raining>

- **AFSC: Canvassing for Safer Homes**
    - Sundays, Wednesday, and Fridays, 5:30-7:30 PM
    - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/afscnc/event/943966/>
  - **Participate in a study for inclusion specialists**
    - [Information](#)
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