

# NC Greens are RED for ED



## We Stand With Teachers! NC Green Party supports:

#### **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Fully and generously fund all public schools, and prohibit public funding of private schools, including voucher programs, charter schools and parochial schools. Correct imbalances in facilities and equipment, and direct far more resources toward under-performing schools and districts.

#### **TEACHER POWER**

Give K-12 teachers professional status and salaries that reward advanced education, experience and responsibility. Dramatically reduce military spending and tax Fortune 500 corporations to create a national education fund to hire far more teachers and assistant teachers. Countries like Norway and Cuba have teacher-to-student ratios of less than 10 to 1 – so can we! Support teachers' unions and unionization of all public education workers.

#### STUDENT HEALTH

Dramatically increase school nurses, counselors, social workers and other support personnel, expand Medicaid, and provide comprehensive sex education. Provide fresh, local food. Ban toxic pesticide use on school grounds. Increase recess time and expand physical education and outdoor activities at all levels.

### **IMPROVED SAFETY**

End placing of School Resource Officers (police) in public schools, and implement fully-funded restorative justice programs as an alternative to suspension and police referral. Teach non-violent conflict resolution and humane education at all levels.

#### HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION

Allow experienced teachers and advisers to develop innovative and culturally appropriate teaching plans. End standardized testing, and instead redirect funds to offer wider access to music, art, sciences, history and languages, and teach civics and community engagement at all levels. Offer advanced vocational classes in high school. Increase funding for after-school programs and tutoring.

#### AND MORE

Provide universal pre-kindergarten programs; make community college and public colleges and universities tuition-free.

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