

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, North Carolina, was held in The Harley B. Gaston Public Forum in the Gaston County Courthouse located at 325 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, in Gastonia, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 6:00 P.M., on April 26, 2016.

Present: Chairman Tom Keigher, presiding, and Commissioners Jason Williams, Allen R. Fraley, Tracy L. Philbeck, Joe D. Carpenter.

Absent: Commissioners Chad Brown and Mickey Price.

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Commissioner Keigher introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF  
GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2016

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, North Carolina:

Section 1. Said Board of Commissioners (the "Board of Commissioners") has determined and does hereby find and declare:

(a) That an order authorizing not exceeding \$175,000,000 School Bonds was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on August 7, 2007, which order was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on November 6, 2007.

(b) That \$80,000,000 of said School Bonds have been issued; that no notes have been issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of the balance of said School Bonds; and that it is necessary to issue at this time a portion of the balance of said School Bonds in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of this resolution.

(c) That the maximum period of usefulness of the additional school facilities to be financed with the proceeds of said School Bonds to be issued is estimated as a period of 40 years and that the date of expiration of said period computed from May 24, 2016, the expected date of said School Bonds to be issued as provided in Section 2 of this resolution, is May 24, 2056.

Section 2. Pursuant to said order, there shall be issued bonds of the County of Gaston, North Carolina (the "Issuer"), designated "General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016" and dated the date of delivery thereof (the "Bonds"). The Bonds shall be in such aggregate principal sum not exceeding \$58,000,000, shall be stated to mature in such principal amounts on February 1 of such years not exceeding February 1, 2036 and shall be subject to the right of prior redemption as shall be determined by the County Manager or the Finance Director of the Issuer, subject to the limitations contained in this resolution. The County Manager or the Finance Director of the Issuer shall execute one or more certificates to evidence the making of such determinations, and each such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the determinations of the County Manager or the Finance Director of the Issuer, as applicable, as to the matters stated therein.

The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina (the "Local Government Commission") at the time the Bonds are sold, which interest to the respective maturities thereof shall be payable on February 1, 2017 and semiannually thereafter on February 1 and August 1 of each year until payment of such principal sum.

Each Bond shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date on which it is authenticated unless it is (a) authenticated upon an interest payment date in which

event it shall bear interest from such interest payment date or (b) authenticated prior to the first interest payment date in which event it shall bear interest from its date; provided, however, that if at the time of authentication interest is in default, such Bond shall bear interest from the date to which interest has been paid.

The principal of and the interest on the Bonds shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof.

The Bonds will be issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of Bond certificates to be made except as hereinafter provided. One fully-registered Bond certificate with respect to each date on which the Bonds are stated to mature, in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds stated to mature on such date and registered in the name of Cede & Co., a nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), will be issued and required to be deposited with DTC and immobilized in its custody. The book-entry system will evidence beneficial ownership of the Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof, with transfers of beneficial ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. The principal of each Bond shall be payable to Cede & Co. or any other person appearing on the registration books of the Issuer hereinafter provided for as the registered owner of such Bond or his registered assigns or legal representative at such office of the Bond Registrar mentioned hereinafter or such other place as the Issuer may determine upon the presentation and surrender thereof as the same shall become due and payable. Payment of the interest on each Bond shall be made by the Bond Registrar on each interest payment date to the registered owner of such Bond (or the previous Bond or Bonds evidencing the same debt as that evidenced by such Bond)

at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date, by check mailed to such person at his address as it appears on such registration books. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC, and transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners of the Bonds by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of such beneficial owners. The Issuer will not be responsible or liable for such transfers of payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

In the event that (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds or (b) the Finance Director of the Issuer determines not to continue to use the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds through DTC in accordance with DTC's rules, the Issuer will discontinue the book-entry system with DTC. If the Issuer identifies another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the Issuer will make arrangements with DTC and such other depository to effect such replacement and deliver replacement Bonds registered in the name of such other depository or its nominee in exchange for the outstanding Bonds, and the references to DTC or Cede & Co. in this resolution shall thereupon be deemed to mean such other depository or its nominee. If the Issuer fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the Issuer will deliver replacement Bonds in the form of fully registered certificates in the denomination of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof ("Certificated Bonds") in exchange for the outstanding Bonds as required by DTC and others. The Issuer may also deliver one or more Certificated Bonds to any participant of DTC in exchange for Bonds credited to its account with DTC in accordance with DTC's rules.

Unless indicated otherwise, the provisions of this resolution that follow shall apply to all Bonds issued or issuable hereunder, whether initially or in replacement thereof.

Section 3. The Bonds shall bear the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk to said Board and the corporate seal or a facsimile of the corporate seal of the Issuer shall be impressed or imprinted, as the case may be, on the Bonds.

The certificate of the Local Government Commission to be endorsed on all Bonds shall bear the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary of the Local Government Commission and the certificate of authentication of the Bond Registrar to be endorsed on all Bonds shall be executed as provided hereinafter.

In case any officer of the Issuer or the Local Government Commission whose manual or facsimile signature shall appear on any Bonds shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Bonds, such manual or facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery, and any Bond may bear the manual or facsimile signatures of such persons as at the actual time of the execution of such Bond shall be the proper officers to sign such Bond although at the date of such Bond such persons may not have been such officers.

No Bond shall be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under this resolution until it shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed thereon.

The Bonds to be registered in the name of Cede & Co. and the endorsements thereon shall be in substantially the following forms:

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

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United States of America  
State of North Carolina

COUNTY OF GASTON

GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BOND, SERIES 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Cusip</u>
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The County of Gaston, in the State of North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to

CEDE & CO.

or registered assigns or legal representative on the date specified above, upon the presentation and surrender hereof, at the office of the Finance Director of said County (the "Bond Registrar"), the principal sum of

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and to pay interest on such principal sum from the date hereof or from the February 1 or August 1 next preceding the date of authentication to which interest shall have been paid, unless such date of authentication is a February 1 or August 1 to which interest shall have been paid, in which case from such date, such interest to the maturity hereof being payable on February 1, 2017 and semiannually thereafter on February 1 and August 1 in each year, at the rate per annum specified above, until payment of such principal sum. The interest so payable on any such

interest payment date will be paid to the person in whose name this bond (or the previous bond or bonds evidencing the same debt as that evidenced by this bond) is registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month next preceding such interest payment date, by check mailed to such person at his address as it appears on the bond registration books of said County. Both the principal of and the interest on this bond shall be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America that is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof. For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same shall become due, the faith and credit of said County of Gaston are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This bond is one of an issue of bonds designated "General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016" (the "Bonds") and issued by said County for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing and improving school facilities in said County as provided in a resolution duly passed by the Board of Commissioners for said County on April 26, 2016 (the "Resolution"), and this bond is issued under and pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 7, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, an order adopted by said Board of Commissioners, which order was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held, and the Resolution.

[If any Bonds are subject to the right of prior redemption, then the following five paragraphs shall be applicable.

The Bonds maturing prior to February 1, 2027 are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on February 1, 2027 and thereafter may be redeemed, at the

option of said County, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, either in whole or in part on any date not earlier than February 1, 2026, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

If less than all of the Bonds of any one maturity shall be called for redemption, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by lot in such manner as said County in its discretion may determine; provided, however, that the portion of any Bond to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$5,000 or some multiple thereof and that, in selecting Bonds for redemption, each Bond shall be considered as representing that number of Bonds which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bond by \$5,000 and, further, that The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") will determine by lot the amount of interest of each direct participant of DTC in such Bonds to be redeemed so long as a book-entry system with DTC is continued.

If less than all of the Bonds stated to mature on different dates shall be called for redemption, said County shall direct which maturities of the Bonds are to be redeemed.

Not more than sixty (60) nor less than thirty (30) days before the redemption date of any Bonds to be redeemed, whether such redemption be in whole or in part, said County shall cause a notice of such redemption to be filed with the Bond Registrar and given by certified or registered mail to Cede & Co. at its address appearing upon the registration books of said County or by such other means as DTC shall require. On the date fixed for redemption, notice having been given as aforesaid, the Bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption shall be due and payable at the redemption price provided for the redemption of such Bonds or portions thereof on such date plus accrued interest to such date and, if moneys for payment of such redemption



price and the accrued interest have been deposited by said County as provided in the Resolution, interest on the Bonds or the portions thereof so called for redemption shall cease to accrue. If a portion of this Bond shall be called for redemption, a new Bond or Bonds in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion hereof will be issued to Cede & Co. or its legal representative upon the surrender hereof.

Any notice of redemption may state that the redemption to be effected is conditioned upon the receipt by the Bond Registrar on or prior to the redemption date of moneys sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to be redeemed and that if such moneys are not so received such notice shall be of no force or effect and such Bonds shall not be required to be redeemed. In the event that such notice contains such a condition and moneys sufficient to pay such principal of and premium, if any, and interest are not received by the Bond Registrar on or prior to the redemption date, the redemption shall not be made and the Bond Registrar shall within a reasonable time thereafter give notice, in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, that such moneys were not so received.]

The Bonds are being issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of bond certificates to be made except as provided in the Resolution. One fully-registered Bond certificate with respect to each date on which the Bonds are stated to mature, in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds stated to mature on such date and registered in the name of Cede & Co., a nominee of DTC, is being issued and required to be deposited with DTC and immobilized in its custody. The book-entry system will evidence beneficial ownership of the Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC

will be the responsibility of DTC, and transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners of the Bonds by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of such beneficial owners. Said County will not be responsible or liable for such transfers of payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

In certain events, said County will be authorized to deliver replacement Bonds in the form of fully-registered certificates in the denomination of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof in exchange for the outstanding Bonds as provided in the Resolution.

At the office of the Bond Registrar, in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in the Resolution, Bonds may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Bonds of the same maturity, of authorized denominations and bearing interest at the same rate.

The Bond Registrar shall keep at his or her office the books of said County for the registration of transfer of Bonds. The transfer of this bond may be registered only upon such books and as otherwise provided in the Resolution upon the surrender hereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner hereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall deliver in exchange for this bond a new Bond or Bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of authorized denominations, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of this bond, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

[If any Bonds are subject to the right of prior redemption, then the following paragraph shall be applicable.

The Bond Registrar shall not be required to exchange or register the transfer of any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of Bonds or any portion thereof and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or of any Bond called for redemption in whole or in part pursuant to the Resolution.]

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have happened, exist and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required; that provision has been made for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax upon all taxable property within said County sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on this bond as the same shall become due; and that the total indebtedness of said County, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

This bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under the Resolution until this bond shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Bond Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed hereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said County of Gaston, by resolution duly passed by its Board of Commissioners, has caused this bond [to be manually signed by] [to bear the facsimile signatures of] the Chairman of said Board and the Clerk to said Board and [a facsimile of] its corporate seal to be [printed] [impressed] hereon, all as of the date of this bond set forth above.

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Tom Keigher, Chairman  
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

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Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

## CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The issuance of the within bond has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

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Secretary, Local Government Commission

## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is one of the Bonds of the series designated herein and issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned Resolution.

Finance Director of the County of Gaston, North  
Carolina, as Bond Registrar

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

Date of authentication: \_\_\_\_\_

## ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned registered owner thereof hereby sells, assigns  
and transfers unto

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the within bond and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

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attorney to register the transfer of said bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full  
power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Guaranteed:

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NOTICE: The assignor's signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Certificated Bonds issuable hereunder shall be in substantially the form of the Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co. with such changes as are necessary to reflect the provisions of this resolution that are applicable to Certificated Bonds.

Section 4. The Bonds maturing prior to February 1, 2027 will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on February 1, 2027 and thereafter will be redeemable, at the option of the Issuer, from any moneys that may be made available for such purpose, either in whole or in part on any date not earlier than February 1, 2026, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

If less than all of the Bonds of any one maturity shall be called for redemption, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by lot in such manner as the Issuer in its discretion may determine; provided, however, that the portion of any Bond to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$5,000 or some multiple thereof and that, in selecting Bonds for redemption, each Bond shall be considered as representing that number of Bonds which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bond by \$5,000, and, further, that DTC will determine by lot the amount of interest of each direct participant of DTC in such Bonds to be redeemed so long as a book-entry system with DTC is continued. If

less than all of the Bonds stated to mature on different dates shall be called for redemption, the Issuer shall direct which maturities of the Bonds are to be redeemed.

Not more than sixty (60) nor less than thirty (30) days before the redemption date of any Bonds to be redeemed, whether such redemption be in whole or in part, the Issuer shall cause a notice of such redemption to be filed with the Bond Registrar and to be mailed, postage prepaid, to the registered owner of each Bond to be redeemed in whole or in part at his address appearing upon the registration books of the Issuer, provided that such notice to Cede & Co. shall be given by certified or registered mail or by such other means as DTC shall require. Failure to mail such notice or any defect therein shall not affect the validity of the redemption as regards registered owners to whom such notice was given as required hereby. Each such notice shall set forth the date designated for redemption, the redemption price to be paid and the maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed. In the event that Certificated Bonds are outstanding, each such notice to the registered owners thereof shall also set forth, if less than all of the Bonds of any maturity then outstanding shall be called for redemption, the distinctive numbers and letters, if any, of such Bonds to be redeemed and, in the case of any Bond to be redeemed in part only, the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. If any Bond is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption shall state also that on or after the redemption date, upon surrender of such Bond, a new Bond or Bonds in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of such Bond will be issued.

On or before the date fixed for redemption, moneys shall be deposited with the Bond Registrar to pay the principal of the Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption as well as the interest accruing thereon to the redemption date thereof.

On the date fixed for redemption, notice having been given in the manner and under the conditions hereinabove provided, the Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable at the redemption price provided therefor, plus accrued interest to such date. If moneys sufficient to pay the redemption price of the Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption, have been deposited by the Issuer to be held in trust for the registered owners of Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, interest on the Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to accrue, such Bonds or portions thereof shall cease to be entitled to any benefits or security under this resolution or to be deemed outstanding, and the registered owners of such Bonds or portions thereof shall have no rights in respect thereof except to receive payment of the redemption price thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

If a portion of a Bond shall be selected for redemption, the registered owner thereof or his attorney or legal representative shall present and surrender such Bond to the Bond Registrar for payment of the principal amount thereof so called for redemption, and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver to or upon the order of such registered owner or his legal representative, without charge therefor, for the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of the Bond so surrendered, a Bond or Bonds of the same maturity, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution and bearing interest at the same rate.

Any notice of redemption may state that the redemption to be effected is conditioned upon the receipt by the Bond Registrar on or prior to the redemption date of moneys sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to be redeemed and that if such moneys are not so received such notice shall be of no force or effect and such Bonds shall not be required to be redeemed. In the event that such notice contains such a condition and

moneys sufficient to pay such principal of and premium, if any, and interest are not received by the Bond Registrar on or prior to the redemption date, the redemption shall not be made and the Bond Registrar shall within a reasonable time thereafter give notice, in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, that such moneys were not so received.

If the County Manager or the Finance Director of the Issuer determines that none of the Bonds shall be subject to the right of prior redemption, then the preceding provisions of this Section shall not be applicable.

Section 5. Bonds, upon surrender thereof at the office of the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, may, at the option of the registered owner thereof, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Bonds of the same maturity, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution and bearing interest at the same rate.

The transfer of any Bond may be registered only upon the registration books of the Issuer upon the surrender thereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for such Bond a new Bond or Bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of such Bond so surrendered, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

In all cases in which Bonds shall be exchanged or the transfer of Bonds shall be registered hereunder, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable



time Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. All Bonds surrendered in any such exchange or registration of transfer shall forthwith be cancelled by the Bond Registrar. The Issuer or the Bond Registrar may make a charge for shipping and out-of-pocket costs for every such exchange or registration of transfer of Bonds sufficient to reimburse it for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or registration of transfer, but no other charge shall be made by the Issuer or the Bond Registrar for exchanging or registering the transfer of Bonds under this resolution. The Bond Registrar shall not be required to exchange or register the transfer of any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of Bonds or any portion thereof and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or of any Bond called for redemption in whole or in part pursuant to Section 4 of this resolution.

As to any Bond, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal or redemption price of any such Bond and the interest on any such Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond and the interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

If the County Manager or the Finance Director of the Issuer determines that none of the Bonds shall be subject to the right of prior redemption, then the following three paragraphs shall be applicable in lieu of the preceding three paragraphs.

The transfer of any Bond may be registered only upon the registration books of the Issuer upon the surrender thereof to the Bond Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to

the Bond Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for such Bond a new Bond or Bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of such Bond so surrendered, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

In all cases in which Bonds shall be exchanged or the transfer of Bonds shall be registered hereunder, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable time Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. All Bonds surrendered in any such exchange or registration of transfer shall forthwith be cancelled by the Bond Registrar. The Issuer or the Bond Registrar may make a charge for shipping and out-of-pocket costs for every such exchange or registration of transfer of Bonds sufficient to reimburse it for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or registration of transfer, but no other charge shall be made by the Issuer or the Bond Registrar for exchanging or registering the transfer of Bonds under this resolution.

As to any Bond, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal of any such Bond and the interest on any such Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond and interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

The Issuer shall appoint such registrars, transfer agents, depositories or other agents as may be necessary for the registration, registration of transfer and exchange of Bonds within a reasonable time according to then current commercial standards and for the timely payment of

principal and interest with respect to the Bonds. The Finance Director of the Issuer is hereby appointed the registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Bonds (collectively the "Bond Registrar"), subject to the right of the governing body of the Issuer to appoint another Bond Registrar, and as such shall keep at his or her office the books of the Issuer for the registration, registration of transfer, exchange and payment of the Bonds as provided in this resolution.

Section 6. The Issuer covenants that, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as are applicable to the Bonds to the extent necessary so that interest on the Bonds will not be includable in the gross income of the owners of the Bonds for purposes of federal income taxation.

Section 7. The Issuer hereby undertakes, for the benefit of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, to provide to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB"):

(a) by not later than seven months from the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, audited financial statements of the Issuer for such fiscal year, if available, prepared in accordance with Section 159-34 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor statute, or, if such audited financial statements of the Issuer are not available by seven months from the end of such fiscal year, unaudited financial statements of the Issuer for such fiscal year to be replaced subsequently by audited financial statements of the Issuer to be delivered within 15 days after such audited financial statements become available for distribution;

(b) by not later than seven months from the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, (i) the financial and statistical

data as of a date not earlier than the end of the preceding fiscal year for the type of information included under the headings “Debt Information” and “Tax Information” in the Official Statement relating to the Bonds (excluding any information on overlapping or underlying units) and (ii) the combined budget of the Issuer for the current fiscal year, to the extent such items are not included in the audited financial statements referred to in (a) above;

(c) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds:

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults; if material;
- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) modification to the rights of the beneficial owners of the Bonds; if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasance of any of the Bonds;
- (10) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds; if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;

- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material; and

(d) in a timely manner, notice of a failure of the Issuer to provide required annual financial information described in (a) or (b) above on or before the date specified.

The Issuer shall provide the documents referred to above to the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB and accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

The Issuer may discharge its undertaking described above by transmitting the documents referred to above to any entity and by any method authorized by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

If the Issuer fails to comply with the undertaking described above, any beneficial owner of the Bonds then outstanding may take action to protect and enforce the rights of all beneficial owners with respect to such undertaking, including an action for specific performance; provided, however, that failure to comply with such undertaking shall not be an event of default and shall not result in any acceleration of payment of the Bonds. All actions shall be instituted, had and maintained in the manner provided in this paragraph for the benefit of all beneficial owners of the Bonds.

The Issuer reserves the right to modify from time to time the information to be provided to the extent necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the Issuer, provided that:

(a) any such modification may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the Issuer;

(b) the information to be provided, as modified, would have complied with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 issued under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Rule 15c2-12") as of the date of the Official Statement relating to the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of Rule 15c2-12, as well as any changes in circumstances; and

(c) any such modification does not materially impair the interests of the beneficial owners, as determined either by parties unaffiliated with the Issuer (such as bond counsel), or by the approving vote of the registered owners of a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding pursuant to the terms of this resolution, as it may be amended from time to time, at the time of the amendment.

The Issuer agrees that the annual financial information containing modified operating data or financial information will explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the modification and the impact of the change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided.

The provisions of this Section shall terminate upon payment, or provision having been made for payment in a manner consistent with Rule 15c2-12, in full of the principal of and interest on all of the Bonds.

Section 8. The actions of the County Manager, the Finance Director and the County Attorney of the Issuer in applying to the Local Government Commission to advertise and sell the Bonds are hereby approved and ratified. The Local Government Commission is hereby requested to ask for sealed and electronic bids for the Bonds by distributing a Notice of Sale and

Bid Form and printing and distributing a Preliminary Official Statement relating to the sale of the Bonds. The Local Government Commission is also hereby requested to print and distribute an Official Statement relating to the sale of the Bonds. Such Notice of Sale and Bid Form, substantially in the form thereof presented to the Board of Commissioners, and such Preliminary Official Statement, dated April 22, 2016 and substantially in the form thereof presented to the Board of Commissioners, are hereby approved, and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the County Manager and the Finance Director of the Issuer are each hereby authorized to approve changes in such Preliminary Official Statement and to approve and execute such Official Statement for and on behalf of the Issuer.

Section 9. In connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, North Carolina, is hereby confirmed as bond counsel to the County and Davenport & Company LLC is hereby confirmed as financial advisor to the County.

Section 10. The County Manager, the Finance Director and the County Attorney of the Issuer and their designees are hereby authorized and directed to take such other actions and to execute and deliver such other documents, certificates, undertakings, agreements or other instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the issuance of the Bonds.

Section 11. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Philbeck, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2016" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Keigher, Williams, Fraley, Philbeck, Carpenter.

Noes: None

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing has been carefully copied from the actually recorded minutes of said Board at a regular meeting held on April 26, 2016, the record having been made in Minute Book 32 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page \_\_\_\_\_ and ending at page \_\_\_\_\_, and is a true copy of so much of said minutes as relates in any way to the matters described therein.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that notice of said meeting was duly given in accordance with G.S. §143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.

  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners





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## County Attorney

## Board Action

File #: 16-161

Commissioner Keigher - Resolution Relating to the Issuance of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016

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### BUDGET IMPACT

The issuance of General Obligation School Bonds will increase the debt service of the County over the next few budget cycles. The current estimate is an increase in the range of .80 cents to 1.12 cents, depending on the amount of the issuance.

### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

There is minimal impact to the current budget ordinance.

### BACKGROUND

This issue of bonds provides funding for the design and construction of an elementary school and a middle school.

### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS

RESOLUTION

DO NOT TYPE BELOW THIS LINE

I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	Brown	Carpenter	Fraley	Keigher	Philbeck	Price	Williams	Vote
2016-128	04/26/2016	TP	JC	AB	A	A	A	A	AB	A	U

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