



2018 NCACC Priority Legislative Goals

PE-1: Seek legislation to establish a new state-county partnership to address statewide public school capital challenges-including but not limited to maintenance, renovation, construction & debt-through a dedicated, stable funding stream that's consistent from county to county and sufficient to meet the school facility needs of all 100 counties.

- H866 and S542 authorize a \$1.9 billion bond on the November 2018 ballot. This would be the first statewide bond for school capital in 22 years.

PE-2: Seek legislation to repeal the statutory authority under N.C. Gen. Stat. 115C-431(c) that allows local school boards to file suit against a county board of commissioners over county appropriations for education.

- S531 amended the statute establishing the dispute resolution process. It passed the Senate with bipartisan support but was not heard in the House and is eligible for short session.
- The NCGA Program Evaluation Division released a study that recommends replacing the lawsuit authority with a better process for resolving funding disputes. NCACC supports legislation implementing the recommendations.

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PE-4: Support legislation providing flexibility to align K-12 & community college calendars.

- Currently, community college classes start in early August while public schools begin in late August.
- H375 allows counties to align K-12 with community college calendars. It has passed the House and is eligible for short session.

GG-3: Seek legislation, funding and other efforts to expand digital infrastructure/broadband capability to the un-served and under-served areas of the state.

- Access to broadband is crucial for public education and economic development, and areas of the state without access to high-speed Internet are increasingly at a disadvantage.
- H390/S208 would give counties the authority to invest in Internet infrastructure in unserved areas and lease assets to private Internet service providers.

TF-1: Support efforts to preserve and expand the existing local revenue base of counties, and oppose efforts to divert fees or taxes currently allocated to the counties to the state. Oppose efforts to erode existing county revenue streams and authorize local option revenue sources already given to any other jurisdiction.

- Counties rely heavily on property taxes and need flexibility to generate revenue from multiple sources, including local sales taxes, to meet local demands for services.
- H333, S166 and H437 are all aimed at expanding local revenue flexibility. All bills are eligible in the short session, and H333 has passed the House.

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