



## RECOGNITION OF NORTH CAROLINA'S K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

**WHEREAS**, to ensure the health and safety of all North Carolinians, public schools across the State closed on March 13, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and most have provided virtual instruction since then as classroom teaching and learning evolved; and

**WHEREAS**, local school districts utilized their autonomy to decide if new instruction would continue and the format in which the instruction would be presented; and

**WHEREAS**, local school boards worked collaboratively with their superintendents, educators, parents and community stakeholders in providing technology, resources, curriculum content, social and emotional support and meals to children during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS, strong and** stable leadership by local school district superintendents has been vital in serving children through the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, local school district employees have responded to the health, safety, welfare and education needs of each child while creating school cultures, even in the midst of a pandemic, that serve all children, regardless of their circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, local school district employees utilized guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, North Carolina State Board of Education, North Carolina General Assembly, local health departments and local case data in fulfilling numerous unprecedented responsibilities to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, all local school districts have exhibited extraordinary care, commitment, and direction while leading their students and communities through the pandemic crisis; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Carolina School Boards Association Board of Directors does hereby recognize the outstanding leadership, responsibility, and dedication of the employees of the State's 115 public school districts and the employees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

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Amy K. Churchill  
NCSBA President  
Buncombe County Schools

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Leanne E. Winner'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Leanne E. Winner  
Secretary/Executive Director  
NCSBA