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# EDUCATION JUSTICE

ON THE BALLOT



This non-partisan voter guide for the 2024 General Election was created by Education Justice Alliance. It features the candidates running for the following positions: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and several Wake County school board seats. With a focus on public education, this guide explains how these elected positions impact North Carolina's public school system. Readers will also find a list of priorities championed by each candidate, as well as a reference page that provides the sources for all of the information gathered to create this guide.

# GOVERNOR

**Public Education Impact:** The Governor prepares a budget for the General Assembly to consider for the upcoming fiscal period. This means recommending more or less funding for schools, new facilities and teacher pay.



## **Attorney General Josh Stein**

Party: Democrat

Website: [joshstein.org](http://joshstein.org)

Priorities:<sup>1</sup>

- increase access to high-quality early childhood education
- meaningful pay raises to recruit and keep educators
- invest in critical school staff, including counselors, nurses, social workers, and bus drivers
- invest in universal, healthy school meals for all public school students
- keep tuition affordable at public universities



## **Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson**

Party: Republican

Website: [markrobinsonfornc.com](http://markrobinsonfornc.com)

Priorities:

- expand state funding to pay for private school <sup>2</sup>
- advocate for Career and Technical Education <sup>3</sup>
- increase teacher pay <sup>4</sup>
- work to keep history, science and a number of other subjects out of first through fifth grade curricula <sup>5</sup>

# LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**Public Education Impact:** Public Education Impact: The Lieutenant Governor serves on the State Board of Education and the State Community College Board of Directors.



**State Senator Rachel Hunt**

Party: Democrat

Website: [rachelhunt.com](http://rachelhunt.com)

Priorities:

- invest in public schools <sup>6</sup>
- collaborate across party lines to achieve Leandro (court case) funding goals <sup>7</sup>
- stand against giving public money to fund unproven and unaccountable private schools <sup>8</sup>
- pursue pay raises for educators <sup>9</sup>



**Hal Weatherman**

Party: Republican

Website: [halweathermanfornc.com](http://halweathermanfornc.com)

Priorities: <sup>10</sup>

- promote school choice
- encourage new focus on trade work
- push for armed School Resource Officers in each and every North Carolina public school

# STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

**Public Education Impact:** The Superintendent of Public Instruction oversees the public school systems, staying informed about the important issues and the needs of public schools in order to provide the governor with recommendations for potential legislation.



**Maurice "Mo" Green**

Party: Democrat

Experience: Former superintendent of Guilford County Schools

Website: [mogreenfornc.com](http://mogreenfornc.com)

Priorities:

- invest fully in public education <sup>11</sup>
- increase teacher pay and improve public school conditions <sup>12</sup>
- opposes school voucher expansion <sup>13</sup>



**Michele Morrow**

Party: Republican

Experience: Home school teacher

Website: [morrow4nc.com](http://morrow4nc.com)

Priorities: <sup>14</sup>

- invest more in trained officers in high-priority districts
- support and enforce the Parents' Bill of Rights
- push for an independent audit of the public school system

# WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

**Public Education Impact:** The duty of local boards of education is to provide students with the opportunity to receive a sound, basic education and to make all policy decisions with that objective in mind. This includes employment decisions, budget development, and other administrative actions that are within their respective local school administrative units.

Due to a legal battle over school board terms, the 2024 election is the first time in more than a decade that all candidates are not up for reelection at the same time. Only Districts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 are on the ballot this year.

## DISTRICT 3



### Elementary Schools

Abbotts Creek	Heritage
Baileywick Road	North Forest
Brassfield	Pines
Durant Road	North Ridge
Forest Pines	Pleasant Union
Fox Road	Wakefield
	Wildwood
	Forest

### Middle Schools

Durant Road  
East Millbrook  
Heritage  
Wakefield  
West  
Millbrook

### High Schools

Heritage  
Millbrook  
North Wake College  
& Career Academy  
Wakefield



### **Wing Ng (Incumbent)**

Profession: Physician

Website: [wingforwakeschools.com](http://wingforwakeschools.com)

Priorities:<sup>15</sup>

- increase teacher pay broaden career and technical education offerings
- recruit professionals from outside of public education to become teachers
- support for parents' rights
- overhaul the funding formula for special education
- comprehensive training for School Resource Officers



### **Jordyne Blaise**

Profession: Diversity, equity, and inclusion consultant

Website: [jordyneforwake.com](http://jordyneforwake.com)

Priorities:<sup>16</sup>

- educational equity
- competitive salaries for all school staff
- professional development of teachers
- equitable funding across all schools in the district
- funding for school counselors and mental health resources

## DISTRICT 4



### Elementary Schools

Bugg	Poe
Conn	Powell
Fuller	River Bend
Hodge Road	Rogers Lane
Hunter	Southeast
Knightdale	Raleigh Wilburn

### Middle Schools

Carnage  
Ligon  
River Bend  
River Oaks

### High Schools

Enloe  
Mary E Phillips  
Southeast Raleigh

### Alternative/Separate Schools

Infinity Program  
Longview School

### Early College

Wake Early College of Health and Science



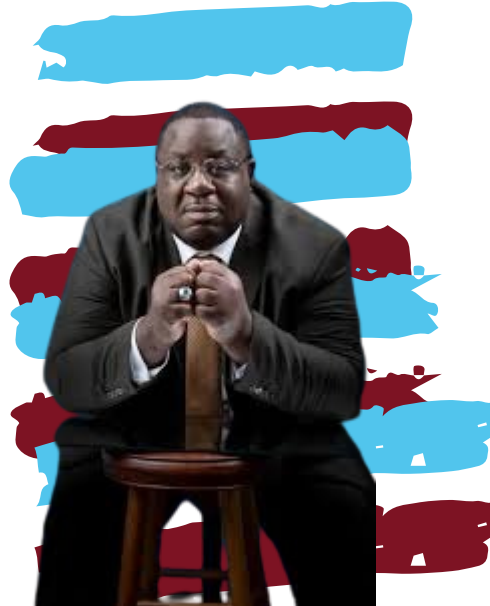
#### **Toshiba Rice (Incumbent)**

Profession: Wellness consultant

Website: [toshibarice.org](http://toshibarice.org)

Priorities: <sup>17</sup>

- competitive compensation for teachers and staff



#### **Michael T. Williams**

Profession: Education consultant

Website: None Available

Priorities: <sup>18</sup>

- more access to adequate educators and resources for teachers

- cultural competency training for staff
- training for crisis prevention and response
- provide access to mental health services, counseling, and social-emotional learning programs within schools
- professional development for teachers
- solicit corporate sponsorships
- gather community input to assess the appropriateness of the books in school libraries
- increase the use of security equipment and mental health resources to improve school security

**Sean Patrick Callan** is also running for the District 4 seat.

At the time of the publishing of this guide, Callan does not have a campaign website or interviews discussing his priorities.

## DISTRICT 5



### Elementary Schools

Combs	Olds
Dillard Drive	Penny Road
Holly Ridge	Swift Creek
Holly Springs	Washington
Middle Creek	West Lake
Oak Grove	Yates Mill

### High Schools

Athens Drive  
Middle Creek

### Middle Schools

Centennial  
Campus  
Dillard Drive  
Holly Ridge  
West Lake

### Early College

Vernon Malone  
College and Career  
Academy





### **Lynn Edmonds (Incumbent)**

Profession: Public Schools First  
NC Outreach Director

Website: [lynnforwake.com](http://lynnforwake.com)

Priorities:<sup>19</sup>

- advocate for fully funding the Leandro decision
- push for better pay for teachers
- work to strengthen and expand restorative justice practices, equity training, and bullying prevention
- advocate for more nurses, counselors, school psychologists and social workers in schools



### **Theodore Hills**

Profession: Information  
technology professional

Website: [ted4ed.org](http://ted4ed.org)

Priorities:

- improve working conditions for teachers<sup>20</sup>
- promote increasing the use of textbooks over<sup>21</sup> technology
- oppose the adoption of new rules that extend Title IX to include gender identity<sup>22</sup>

## DISTRICT 6



### Elementary Schools

Brentwood      Millbrook  
Brooks          Partnership  
Douglas        Root  
Green           Stough  
Joyner          Underwood  
Lacy            Wilet  
Lynn Road

### Middle Schools

Carroll  
Martin  
Moore Square  
Mount Vernon  
Oberlin

### High Schools

Broughton  
Sanderson

### Separate School

Bridges Program

### Secondary Schools

Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy  
Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy



#### **Sam Hershey (Incumbent)**

Profession: Business Owner

Website: [samforwake.com](http://samforwake.com)

Priorities: <sup>23</sup>

- advocate for significant pay increases for teachers



#### **Josh Points**

Profession: Commercial real estate broker

Website: [points4wake.com](http://points4wake.com)

Priorities: <sup>24</sup>

- reduce educational bureaucracy
- attract and retain superior talent

- push for funding for support staff such as counselors, social workers, and nurses
- reduce and eliminate bullying
- propose facility renovations, including solar power for all schools
- create support for young children in the transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten
- eliminate book bans

- improve student outcomes
- reinforce the philosophy that parents have dominion over their child

## DISTRICT 8



### Elementary Schools

Apex	Oakview
Apex	Olive Chapel
Friendship	Pleasant Plains
Baucom	Rex Road
Buckhorn Creek	Scotts Ridge
Herbert Akins Road	Turner Creek
Highcroft Drive	White Oak
Holly Grove	Woods Creek

### Middle Schools

Apex  
 Apex Friendship  
 Herbert Akins  
 Road Holly  
 Grove  
 Lufkin Road

### High Schools

Apex Friendship  
 Felton Grove  
 Fuquay-Varina  
 Green Level  
 Holly Springs



### **Lindsay Mahaffey (Incumbent)**

Profession: Former teacher

Website: [electlindsay.com](http://electlindsay.com)

Priorities: <sup>25</sup>

- make improvements to teacher and staff pay
- expand magnet school options and vocational programming
- invest in resources to support all learners
- increase funding for schools through partnerships with other levels of government
- ensure schools and officers are in compliance with the SRO MOU
- increase the number of counselors and behavioral support professionals



### **Elizabeth McDuffie**

Profession: Teacher

Website: [mcduffie4schoolboard.org](http://mcduffie4schoolboard.org)

Priorities: <sup>26</sup>

- support regular salary increases for teachers
- invest in high quality resources from reputable education companies
- institute a career readiness alternative pathway to graduation that prepares students for skilled trades
- address facilities management issues to keep older schools updated by making it a regular agenda review line item
- reinstate student conduct expectations and infractions rubric

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