## Diversity in Wake County Public Schools

We, the undersigned, believe that all children in Wake County, regardless of income, race, ethnicity or residence, should receive the highest quality education possible. We believe that our county's economic and social prosperity relies on public schools that are diverse and balanced.

Therefore, we support continuing the use of socio-economic diversity as one of the criteria for student assignment in order to maintain educational equity, access, and excellence for all students in our public schools.

Further, we believe that the nationally recognized Wake County Public School System magnet program should continue as originally designed to: 1) ensure maximum utilization of school facilities, 2) provide expanded educational opportunities, and 3) reduce high concentrations of poverty and support diverse populations.

Magnet schools should remain in areas that are largely racially segregated and where schools would otherwise be overwhelmingly populated with students from low-income families—particularly in Southeast Raleigh and along the Capital Boulevard corridor in Northeast Raleigh.

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