



## WHERE WE STAND – PUBLIC EDUCATION UNDER ASSAULT

Public education in America began in 1635, predating our existence as a nation. Today, if you pay taxes in Brunswick County, you support a public school system aspiring to create *“A community of well-educated, employable, and socially responsible citizens.”* Beyond equipping our children with the basics of reading, writing, arithmetic, science, history, and physical education, our schools prepare youngsters for eventual gainful employment and the potential for achieving their own American dream.

Sadly, the gap between aspiration and reality is widening. Our children are being robbed of the quality education they deserve. In the guise of “parental control,” MAGA Republican legislators are imposing their extremist worldview on our kids by implementing book bans, restricting curriculum content, and marginalizing LGBTQ and minority students. The Network for Public Education’s 2022 report on [Public Schooling In America](#) ranked North Carolina a dismal 46<sup>th</sup> in the nation. North Carolina also ranks at or near the bottom in the nation on per pupil spending.



In Brunswick County, pervasive food insecurity means school is a vital source of food for schoolchildren, yet MAGA Republicans seek to eliminate school lunch programs. Hardworking teachers struggle with large classroom sizes and endless political pressure, driving many of them out of the profession. We share Governor Cooper’s alarm that MAGA Republicans plan *“to take tax dollars away from public schools in favor of unaccountable and discriminatory private schools. In effect, we’ll be taking funds out of the hands of kids who need them and subsidizing wealthy families who want to send their children to private schools.”*

We believe that public schools should be fully funded, with teachers paid competitive salaries. We support universal pre-K to prepare every child for success. We trust teachers and school administrators, not politicians, to set educational standards. We support vocational education and workforce development for students. We challenge those who profit from projects in Brunswick County to help shoulder the cost of new and expanded schools to support our rapidly growing population.

***Flip this over to learn how YOU can get involved!***

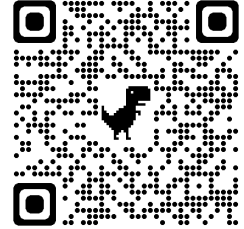


## TAKE ACTION!



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:** [brunswickdem.org](http://brunswickdem.org)

- Read the "Latest News"
- Check our calendar for upcoming events
- Find voting information and check your registration
- Find your precinct
- Connect with us on social media
- Sign up for our newsletter
- Connect with the Brunswick Co. Democratic Women's group
- Read about our values
- Get involved!



**CONTACT YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS** (North Carolina General Assembly):

- Representative Frank Iler** (R) District 17  
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- Representative Charles Miller** (R), District 19  
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- Senator Bill Rabon** (R), District 8 (Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover)  
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**CONTACT YOUR U.S. CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS**

- Congressman David Rouzer** (R), District 7  
Email: [rouzerforms.house.gov/contact/](http://rouzerforms.house.gov/contact/); Phone: (910) 253-6111
- Senator Thom Tillis** (R)  
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- Senator Ted Budd** (R)  
Email: [www.budd.senate.gov/share-your-opinion/](http://www.budd.senate.gov/share-your-opinion/); Phone: (202) 224-3154

**ATTEND A LOCAL BOARD MEETING**

- Board of Commissioners**  
([brunswickcountync.gov/board-commissioners/meeting-schedule/](http://brunswickcountync.gov/board-commissioners/meeting-schedule/))  
When: 1st Mon. of the month, 3 -5 p.m. and 3rd Mon. of the month, 6 - 8 p.m.  
Where: Sandifer Administration Bldg, 30 Government Center Drive, Bolivia
- Board of Elections** ([brunswickcountync.gov/elections/board-meetings/](http://brunswickcountync.gov/elections/board-meetings/))  
When: 3rd Tues. of the month (\*times vary)  
Where: Sandifer Administration Bldg., 30 Government Center Drive, Bolivia
- School Board** ([bcswan.net/domain/193](http://bcswan.net/domain/193))  
When: 1st Tue. of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise specified  
Where: Conference Room of Center of Applied Sciences and Technology (COAST), 1109 Old Ocean Hwy, Bolivia