

Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement
Between
Duplin county Board of Commissioners
And
Duplin County Board of Education

This memorandum sets out the intentions of The Duplin County Board of Commissioners relative to our responsibility to use a portion of our annual revenue resources to fund the needs of our schools.

1. We understand that the funding disputes between our two Boards have been disruptive and harmful to our efforts to provide a quality education for our children.
2. We believe the BOE has been reasonable and fair in their funding request from the Commissioners for the budget year 2010-2011. However, we can not ask our citizens to fully fund that request and pay the \$4.8 lawsuit judgement either at once or in installments. We can do one or the other but not both.
3. Therefore, as a good faith effort, we will fund the BOE at their requested level of funding as follows with no restrictions on the use of current expense funds.

Current Expenses	8,861,720
Debt Service	1,240,452
Capital Outlay	1,223,000
Total	\$11,325,172

4. We recognize that this increased level of funding for 2010-2011 represents about 40% of all budgeted tax collection estimates and automatically requires future Boards of Commissioners to fund at levels that will not jeopardize our low wealth funding. Our intent is to establish a new benchmark upon which to base future funding efforts with the understanding that this will satisfy the \$4.8m judgement order by the courts. We will accept, for information purposes only, the BOE request for Capital Construction.
5. We stand ready to establish a new spirit of communication and cooperation between our two Boards to properly discuss and address all the funding needs of our schools.

This Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement has been approved, as amended, on September 30, 2010 by the Board of Commissioners.

Cary Turner, Chairman Duplin County Board of Commissioners

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Regina A. 100 / Geny, Chairman 11-9-10