

ACHIEVING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Best in the Nation – Our 2030 Plan for North Carolina Public Schools

OUR VISION

To be clear – to be the best is the only option.

North Carolina’s public schools will be the best in the United States of America by 2030. This strategic plan represents the shared vision of the North Carolina State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Public Instruction to prepare every student for their next phase in life through high academic achievement, character development and a constant drive toward excellence.

BUILT BY NORTH CAROLINIANS, FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS

This plan was developed through Superintendent Green’s “Mo Wants to Know” listening tour:

- **Eight regional public feedback sessions** across the state
- **30+ stakeholder meetings** with educators, families and community leaders
- **Thousands of voices** contributing to our collective vision



EIGHT PILLARS FOR EXCELLENCE



Pillar 1: Prepare Each Student for Their Next Phase in Life

Expand rigorous pathways, dual enrollment, career readiness and character development



Pillar 2: Revere Public School Educators

Competitive compensation, career advancement and professional support for all education professionals



Pillar 3: Enhance Parent, Caregiver and Community Support

Strengthen family engagement and community partnerships for student success



Pillar 4: Ensure Healthy, Safe and Secure Learning Environments

Physical safety, mental health support and positive school climates



Pillar 5: Optimize Operational Excellence

Modernize systems, eliminate administrative burdens and leverage technology effectively



Pillar 6: Lead Transformative Change

Research-driven innovation, network collaboration and continuous improvement



Pillar 7: Celebrate the Excellence in Public Education

Comprehensive messaging highlighting the remarkable achievements in our schools



Pillar 8: Galvanize Champions to Fully Invest in and Support Public Education

Build coalitions for increased investment and sustained community support



BY THE NUMBERS

NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS TODAY:



BEST IN NATION GOALS BY 2030

METRIC	CURRENT	2030 TARGET
Graduation Rate	86.9%	92%
ACT Composite Score	18.5	20
AP Participation	21.5%	30%
CTE Participation	36.1%	41%
Public School Enrollment	84%	89%
4th Grade Reading NAEP	213	225
8th Grade Math NAEP	276	283

BECOME A
PUBLIC SCHOOL
CHAMPION



STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION

110 SPECIFIC ACTIONS aligned with NCDPI's mission and organized across eight focus areas

PARTNERSHIP APPROACH by creating networks with Public School Units (traditional public, charter, regional and lab schools), businesses, philanthropies and community organizations

CONTINUOUS MONITORING through quarterly progress reports and data-driven adjustments

EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES grounded in research and proven practices

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This is a living document designed to evolve through continuous improvement, ensuring North Carolina's public schools achieve and maintain excellence for every child, in every community, across our state.