



# **EDENTON-CHOWAN SCHOOLS** BOARD OF EDUCATION

Post Office Box 206, Edenton, NC 27932  
Telephone: (252) 482-4436 Fax: (252)482-7309  
<http://ecps.schoolfusion.us/>

*John Guard*  
Chairman

## **Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Calendars**

*Kay Wright*  
Vice-Chair

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Statutes give local boards of education powers of supervision and control of local school systems; and

*Ricky Browder*

**WHEREAS**, local control over establishing school calendars is an integral component of school system supervision and administration powers with which local boards of education have been vested; and

*Jean Bunch*

**WHEREAS**, state law has limited local control by imposing a one-size-fits-all mandate on how school calendars are to be set; and

*Gil Burroughs*

*Glorious Elliott*

**WHEREAS**, by limiting local control, the current calendar law has led to the calendar for high schools, community colleges and universities being out of alignment by approximately two weeks, causing scheduling problems for students with college courses now beginning before high school students complete January final exams; and

*Gene Jordan*

*Rob Jackson*  
Superintendent

**WHEREAS**, by limiting local control, the current calendar law has created a situation where the fall semester cannot be completed before the winter break, forcing exams to be administered after the break; and

**WHEREAS**, by limiting local control, the current calendar law has led to a decrease in the amount of instructional time students have prior to taking Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests; and

**WHEREAS**, the state calendar law strictly limits the number of days that can be scheduled as inclement weather days, increasing the likelihood of unpopular days like the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, spring break, and Saturdays being used as make-up days; and

**WHEREAS**, it is well-documented through multiple studies that children experience learning loss during the summer months when they are away from the classroom and not engaging in educational activities, a phenomenon which has a disproportionate impact on low-income children; and

**WHEREAS**, long summer breaks can also negatively impact child nutrition, as low-income children who have access to regular meals at school through the free and reduced priced meal program may not have access to regular meals at home; and

**WHEREAS**, restoring local control of school calendars will allow local boards of education to meet the unique educational needs and school calendar preferences of the children and families within their communities while allowing for innovative experimental approaches to dealing with summer learning loss.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Edenton- Chowan Schools Board of Education requests that local control over school calendars be returned to local boards of education.

Adopted this 3rd day of November 2014

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary