



# Mecklenburg County 2018 State Legislative Agenda

Legislative Delegation Breakfast  
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## Support Continued Efforts to Eliminate Pre-K Waiting List and Increase Statewide Childcare Subsidy Market Rate for ages 3-5

- State legislature has committed to eliminating NC Pre-K waiting list in two years
- 2018 appropriation funded 174 new slots for FY 2018 and 234 new slots in FY 2019
- Subsidy market rate increased in Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties for 0-5
- Subsidy market rates increased in Tier 3 counties only for 0-2



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## Support Increasing Magistrates in North Mecklenburg

- 34 magistrates currently provide services
- Statewide average : 1 to 15,000
- Mecklenburg average : 1 to 31,000
- Safer 24/7 service is needed for domestic violence victims
- Collaborative effort with surrounding municipalities



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## Support Implementation of Raise the Age Legislation

- 2017 legislation raised the juvenile age for prosecution from age 16 to 18
- Provisions are needed to clarify processes and funding for operational costs such as transportation and hearings



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## Support State Funded Increases for Public Educators

- Support for public school teachers, teacher assistants, principals, assistant principals and non-instructional staff is a shared priority
- NC ranks 35<sup>th</sup> in teacher pay
- Primary funding source is the state budget



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## Support HB866/SB542 School Capital Bond

- Places \$1.9 billion school bond on November 2018 ballot
- Last statewide bond did not include funds for school construction
- \$8.1 billion in statewide needs





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Thank you