NORTH CAROLINA COALITION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

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NC Coalition for Charter Schools Primary Endorsements

Raleigh, NC – The North Carolina Coalition for Charter Schools announced endorsements in legislative primary races.

Dave Machado, executive director of the Coalition, said, "Our organization endorses candidates exclusively on the basis of their support for public charter schools. Parents deserve a choice in their public schooling, and we use what resources we have to inform parents of who supports that premise and who doesn't."

North Carolina House of Representatives

- **Rep. Ed Goodwin** (Republican), District 1 (Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington)
- **Rep. Jimmy Dixon** (Republican), District 4 (Duplin, Wayne)
- **Rep. Joe Pike** (Republican), District 6 (Harnett)
- **Rep. Carson Smith** (Republican), District 16 (Onslow, Pender)
- **Rep. Frank Iler** (Republican), District 17 (Brunswick)
- **Rep. Shelly Willingham** (Democrat), District 23 (Bertie, Edgecombe, and Martin)
- **Rep. Donna White** (Republican), District 26 (Johnston)
- **Rep. Larry Strickland** (Republican), District 28 (Johnston)
- **Rep. Mike Schietzelt** (Republican), District 35 (Wake)
- **Rep. Diane Wheatley** (Republican), District 43 (Cumberland)
- **Rep. Reece Pyrtle** (Republican), District 65 (Rockingham)
- **Rep. Neal Jackson** (Republican), District 78 (Moore, Randolph)
- **Rep. Keith Kidwell** (Republican), District 79 (Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, and Pamlico)
- **Rep. Sam Watford** (Republican), District 80 (Davidson)
- **Rep. Larry Potts** (Republican), District 81 (Davidson)
- **Rep. Mitchell Setzer** (Republican), District 89 (Catawba, Iredell)
- **Rep. Todd Carver** (Republican), District 95 (Iredell)
- **Rep. Tricia Cotham** (Republican), District 105 (Mecklenburg)
- **Rep. Carla Cunningham** (Democrat), District 106 (Mecklenburg)
- **Rep. Kelly Hastings** (Republican), District 110 (Cleveland, Gaston)
- **Rep. Jake Johnson** (Republican), District 113 (Henderson, McDowell, Polk, and Rutherford)
- **Rep. Jennifer Balkcom** (Republican), District 117 (Henderson)

- **Rep. Mark Pless** (Republican), District 118 (Haywood, Madison)
- **Rep. Mike Clampitt** (Republican), District 119 (Jackson, Swain, Transylvania)
- **Former Rep. Frank Sossamon** (Republican), District 32 (Granville, Vance)
- **Former Rep. Michael Wray** (Democrat), District 27 (Halifax, Northampton, Warren)

North Carolina Senate

- **Senator Brent Jackson** (Republican), District 9 (Bladen, Duplin, Jones, Pender, Sampson)
- **Senator Benton Sawrey** (Republican), District 10 (Johnston)
- **Senator Jim Burgin** (Republican), District 12 (Harnett, Lee, Sampson)
- **Senator Tom McInnis** (Republican), District 21 (Cumberland, Moore)
- **Senator Phil Berger** (Republican), District 26 (Guilford, Rockingham)
- **Senator Steve Jarvis** (Republican), District 30 (Davidson, Davie)
- **Senator Chris Measmer** (Republican), District 34 (Cabarrus)

Machado continued, "These candidates have a track record of supporting public charter schools. They embrace the idea that parents deserve options in deciding which public school environment will best help their children achieve their full potential."

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