

Dear Fellow North Carolinians:

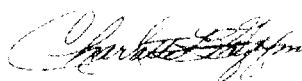
As mayors, we know that education is the key to our children's future and to North Carolina's economic future. Investing in education is central to our ability to attract new jobs and businesses to our state. When companies talk about moving here or expanding, their first question is whether we have the educated, skilled workforce they need.

The legislature's budget has hurt education at all levels – from pre-k all the way through higher education – and has led to higher class sizes and the loss of teacher and teaching assistant positions right here in our local schools. With their budget forcing even more teacher layoffs next year; we must act to prevent these additional cuts. We owe it to our children and our state to stop these cuts to our schools and make education a priority again – a fraction of a penny for progress.

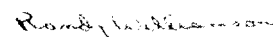
Signed,



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Ansonville



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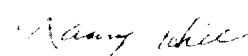
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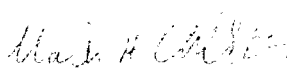
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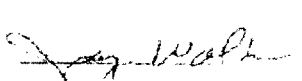
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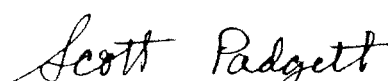
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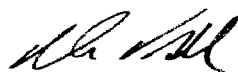
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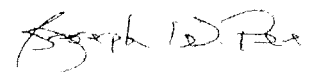
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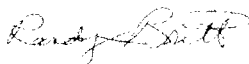
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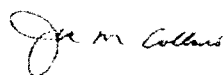
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Morehead City

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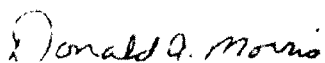
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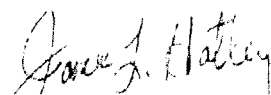
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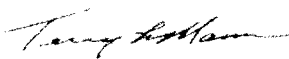
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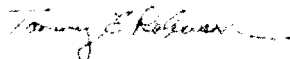
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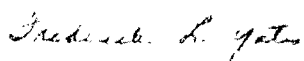
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