**Recognition of the need for School Library Media Programs staffed by fulltime school librarians**

**WHEREAS,** high school students who receive direct library skills instruction score significantly higher on the posttest of basic college library information than do students who do not receive such instruction; and

**WHEREAS,** The National Council of Teachers of English recognize that resource-rich school libraries and credentialed school librarians play key roles in promoting information literacy; and

**WHEREAS,** educational research demonstrates that the services of professional school librarians, well-funded collections, and rich digital resources enhance student achievement; and

**WHEREAS,** The National Educational Technology Standards require students to have the ability to chose appropriate tools and information resources to support research and solve real world problems that include the ability to evaluate accuracy, relevance and appropriateness of print, non-print, copyrighted materials, and on-line library resources; and

**WHEREAS,** The International Reading Association is calling for increased funding for libraries. In many schools, libraries now have few books for each child; the condition of the books and the staffing of libraries is deteriorating. This has serious implications for children’s literacy; and

**WHEREAS,** there has been a decrease in library expenditures per pupil since 1985;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that wethe Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby resolve that increased funding be allotted by the Durham County Parent-Teacher Association, North Carolina Parent-Teacher Association, National Parent-Teacher Association, North Carolina Department of Education, United States Department of Education, local and state governments and the federal government to make an increased investment in funding quality school library programs, staffed with credentialed school librarians, accessible to all children.

This the 31st day of November 2018.

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