

**NORTH CAROLINA
DAVIDSON COUNTY**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LOCAL CONTROL AND FLEXIBILITY WITH
THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR**

WHEREAS, in 2004, the North Carolina General Assembly took school calendar authority away from local Boards of Education; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly mandates that the instructional year shall begin on or after August 25th and end on or before June 10th; and

WHEREAS, a top down, one-size-fits-all approach to school calendar design has negatively impacted students; and

WHEREAS, current school calendar legislation requires high school students to take high stakes state mandated tests after the winter break in mid-January; and

WHEREAS, the current school calendar causes second semester misalignment with community colleges and universities preventing high school students from being early graduates and starting their college and university pathways; and

WHEREAS, the current school calendar legislation makes it difficult for students to access career and college promise courses and participate in early colleges.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Davidson County Board of Commissioners, the Davidson County Schools Board of Education, the Lexington City Schools Board of Education and the Thomasville City Schools Board of Education request the General Assembly approve House Bill 209 on behalf of Davidson County for the following reasons:

1. That it will provide local Boards of Education with the same flexibility granted the charter schools that best meets the needs of their students, parents, and local communities;
2. That it will allow local Boards of Education to design school calendars that align with nearby community colleges and universities to facilitate dual enrollment of high school students in higher level courses in completion of the first semester and required state testing before the winter break; and,
3. That it will enhance quality family time by ensuring that all first semester required state exams can be administered before students begin their winter break.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 2017.



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Davidson County Board of Commissioners



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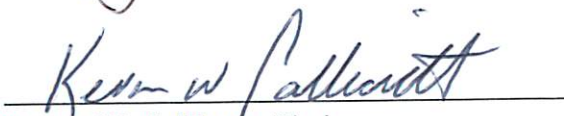
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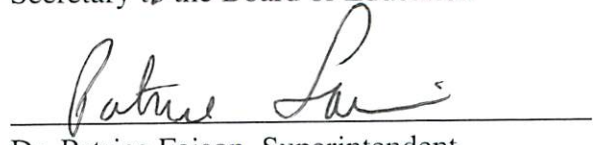
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