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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2026 WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, a Wake County School Bond referendum will be on the November 3, 2026, ballot asking voters to authorize the issuance of $680 million in general obligation bonds for Wake County public school construction, renovations, repairs, and facility improvements;

WHEREAS, we believe safe, healthy, accessible, and well-maintained school facilities are essential to providing all students with an environment in which they can learn and thrive;

WHEREAS, many Wake County public schools have significant facility needs, including aging buildings, major renovation needs, HVAC and infrastructure replacement, safety and security updates, accessibility improvements, and replacement of equipment that has reached the end of its useful life;

WHEREAS, while student enrollment growth has slowed compared with previous decades, Wake County continues to grow, and the school system must address capacity needs in growing areas while also investing in the renovation and modernization of existing schools;

WHEREAS, the 2026 School Bond will provide funding for the first two fiscal years of Wake County's seven-year Capital Improvement Program, supporting major renovations and replacement of aging school facilities, new construction where needed, and facility and equipment improvements across the school system;

WHEREAS, within the two fiscal years funded by the 2026 School Bond, an estimated 77 Wake County public schools will receive facility improvements through renovations or equipment replacement;

WHEREAS, the $680 million in general obligation bonds, together with $152.3 million in pay-as-you-go funding approved by the Wake County Board of Commissioners, will provide approximately $832.3 million for Wake County public school capital projects in fiscal years 2028 and 2029;

WHEREAS, the passage of the 2026 School Bond will allow Wake County to repair and renovate aging schools, replace critical building systems and equipment, improve safety, security, and accessibility, reduce reliance on mobile classrooms, and construct new facilities where needed;

WHEREAS, the Mills Park Middle School PTSA is a local unit of the North Carolina PTA, whose historical purpose is to advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding;

WHEREAS, the members of the Mills Park Middle School PTSA Board believe there will be benefits to the children, families, educators, and citizens of Wake County from passage of the 2026 Wake County School Bond referendum; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mills Park Middle School PTSA Board supports the passage of the Wake County School Bond referendum that will appear on the ballot on November 3, 2026.

Jennifer Shorter, Advocacy Chair
On behalf of the Mills Park Middle School PTSA