

Dear RCHS parents and community,

On Wednesday, May 16, many of our Raleigh Charter teachers are taking a personal day to join thousands of other public educators at the opening session of the NC General Assembly to advocate for better education funding. Some of our teachers have written a statement clarifying their reasons for participating in this effort and the goals that they are working towards:

*We are staff members, teachers, and administrators at Raleigh Charter High School. We are voicing our support for the Red4Ed movement and especially for increased support for public education in North Carolina. Like educators across the state, we at RCHS are struggling to provide our students with up-to-date textbooks and materials. We are struggling under the rising costs and decreased quality of our health care plans, and we are struggling with pay that has remained stagnant since the recession despite rising state revenue. This list conveys our strong beliefs.*

*We support public education and its important role in a democracy.*

*We support independent non-profit charter schools.*

*We believe that North Carolina is spending far too little on education.*

*We believe that teacher salaries are too low.*

*We support cooperation between district and charter schools.*

*We are, further, concerned about any conflict between district and charter schools.*

*We believe that the fundamental problem is that North Carolina schools are underfunded.*

*Low per-pupil spending hurts both charter and district schools. Partnerships between district and non-profit charters will strengthen the cause of public education in our state.*

These goals certainly align with the mission and vision of Raleigh Charter High School, and the administration is very supportive of teachers' work to improve the funding and resources available in public education for teachers and classrooms.

We appreciate all that our families do to support our students, our teachers, and our school.

Thank you.

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