



# PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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## *Futures for Kids* RESOLUTION

**Whereas**, North Carolina must continue to decrease its dropout rate by motivating students to stay in school; and,

**Whereas**, modern technology linking students to career paths is an effective means of encouraging students to stay in schools; and,

**Whereas**, students also gain encouragement to stay in school when they make the connection between their life prospects and their education; and,

**Whereas**, workforce development is a critical objective for North Carolina whereby employers benefit from students learning in school to acquire the knowledge and skills they will need; and,

**Whereas**, all citizens benefit when students find fulfilling careers where they can contribute to society; and,

**Whereas**, the focus and strength of Futures for Kids is career exploration for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders utilizing modern technology by providing an unassisted self-guided career assessment tool, helping career counselors leverage their time and resources so they can reach all our students, and creating an interactive system utilized by students, teachers, business and parents; and,

**Whereas** Futures for Kids implemented a pilot project involving 13,000 students, 350 educators in 26 schools and more than 200 employers statewide proving to be successful; and,

**Whereas**, many schools have indicated a desire to participate in Futures for Kids and their students would benefit from such additional career exploration; and,

**Whereas**, North Carolina's business community has been highly supportive of Futures for Kids; and,

**Whereas**, Futures for Kids and the College Foundation of North Carolina have embarked on a collaborative project to increase the success rate of students in our educational system;

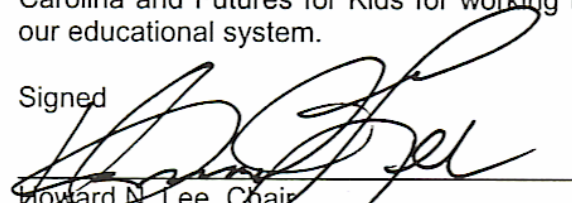
### ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:***

The State Board of Education hereby endorses Futures for Kids as an additional career exploration tool for North Carolina students, encourages schools to integrate it into their counseling efforts and encourages the General Assembly to provide the resources to roll-out Futures for Kids statewide so every child can take advantage of the opportunity.

### ***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:***

The State Board of Educations expresses its appreciation to the College Foundation of North Carolina and Futures for Kids for working together to increase the success rate of students in our educational system.

Signed

  
Howard N. Lee, Chair  
North Carolina State Board of Education

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Date