

From the Board Room

ACTIVITIES OF THE NC BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education is comprised of the State Treasurer, the Lieutenant Governor and 11 citizens appointed by the Governor. This newsletter highlights the Board's activities on behalf of the 1.5 million public school children in our state and the more than 100,000 educators who provide services to children. View all State Board of Education member and advisor information online at <https://eboard.eboardsolutions.com/AboutUs/AboutUs.aspx?S=10399&TID=1>. To access current and archived versions of From the Boardroom, visit <http://stateboard.ncpublicschools.gov/> and select the "SBE Newsletter" tab.

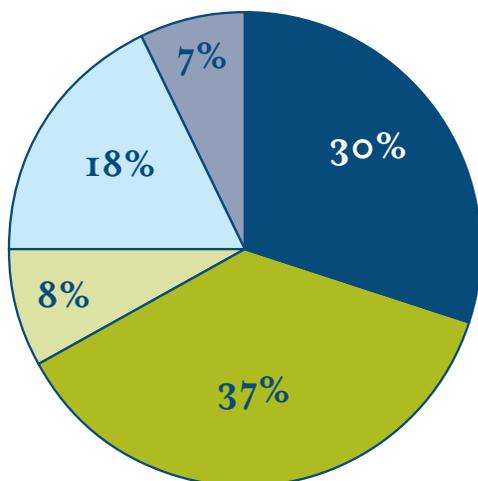
TEACHER TURNOVER RATE DECREASES IN 2013-14

North Carolina's teacher turnover percentage decreased slightly in 2013-14 to 14.12 percent (13,557 teachers), and younger, less experienced teachers were more likely to leave the classroom than their more experienced counterparts. The report reflects the time period from March 2013 to March 2014.

Local education agency (LEA) rates ranged from a high of 34.3 percent in Washington County to a low of 6 percent in Clay County. LEA figures are included in the [full report available online \(pdf, 2.2 MB\)](#).

The 28 self-reported reasons teachers gave for leaving were combined into the five categories below to promote comparisons and to illustrate relationships between the various reasons that teachers give for leaving teaching. Not all turnover is negative for the schools and students. Approximately 1,100 teachers reported that they were terminated by their LEA, were not rehired at the end of their probationary period, did not renew their license or were dismissed.

The State Board of Education and Department of Public Instruction have a number of initiatives in place to help recruit and retain teachers including alternative entry licensure routes, beginning teacher support programs and 12 percent pay increase for National Board Certification and Troops to Teachers.



- Teachers who left the LEA, but remained in education
- Teachers who left the LEA for personal reasons
- Teachers who were terminated by the LEA
- Teachers who left the LEA for reasons beyond the LEA's control
- Teachers who left the LEA for other reasons not listed above

2015-17 K-12 EDUCATION BUDGET REQUEST APPROVED

Textbooks, classroom technology and instructional supplies top the 2015-17 expansion budget request for the State Board of Education. Members approved the \$162 million request this month. Working within the guidance of the Office of State Budget and Management, SBE members had to cap their request at 2 percent and submit funding reduction options so that the net impact to the General Fund is a 2 percent savings. Funds to support increases in student enrollment will be separately submitted. If funded, the \$76.8 million increase for textbooks will bring textbook funding levels from \$15.28 per student in average daily membership to \$67.15 per student. Other items in the request focus on support for lowest-achieving schools, professional development and connectivity.

STEM SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED

Twelve high-quality Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Schools were recognized this month as Prepared or Model schools for implementing the 11 identified attributes of a quality STEM program:

SOUTHEAST REGION – Brunswick Early College High, Brunswick County (Prepared); Contentnea-Savannah K-8, Lenoir County (Prepared); Greene Central High, Greene County (Prepared).

NORTH CENTRAL REGION – Brentwood Elementary, Wake County (Prepared); Exploris Charter Middle, Wake County (Model); Wayne School of Engineering at Goldsboro High, Wayne County (Prepared).

PIEDMONTTRIAD REGION – Atkins Academic & Technology High, Winston-Salem/Forsyth (Prepared); Elkin Middle, Elkin City Schools (Prepared); Hanes Magnet Middle, Winston-Salem/Forsyth (Prepared); J. Sam Gentry Middle, Surry County (Prepared); STEM Early College High, Guilford County (Prepared).

SOUTHWEST REGION – J.N. Fries Magnet Middle, Cabarrus County (Prepared).



SBE Highlights: A checklist of Board actions is posted every month immediately after the meeting's end. Access that at

<http://stateboard.ncpublicschools.gov/minutes-actions/sbe-minutes/2014-minutes>. The State Board of Education's next meeting will be December 3-4 in Raleigh.