March 31-April 1, 2004

This month marked an historical event for North Carolina as members of the State Board of Education traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with North Carolina Congressional Delegation members in order to discuss the state's concerns about the implementation of No Child Left Behind. Members also had the opportunity to discuss their concerns with Congressman Joe Morelle, Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, and several other high-ranking officials, including Senator Kay Hagan and Representative G. K. Butterfield.

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Action Agenda

The following items received approval this month.

- Review and Adoption of Policies and Procedures as Required by Session Law 2003-272, Section 58-19B-5 (Innovative Education Initiative Act) (HGP 3). The Board approved a report to the General Assembly regarding the results of a State Board of Education policy and procedures review and the recommendations for the removal or revision of existing policies and procedures. The report noted that the revised policies and procedures were written to rigorously academic standards, with the exception of certain requirements related to student assessment and graduation requirements, so as to avoid disruption that service.

- Discussion Items
  - Action on First Reading
  - Approval of Federal Grants (HGP 3). The Board reviewed the distribution of federal grants for the 2006-07 school year and approved the allocation of funds to eligible charter schools.
  - Review of the Report on the Funding of Educational Programs
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- Special Note: To review background materials on each item, please go to /sbe_meetings/0404_sbagenda.html.

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