

**MONDAY
JANUARY 14, 2019**

THE UMSTEAD HOTEL (100 Woodland Pond Drive, Cary, NC 27513)

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Welcome Reception and Opening Remarks

BALLROOM PREFUNCTION

Welcome: **Representative Craig Horn**, House District 68, 2019 Education Policy Retreat Chair
Dr. Javaid Siddiqi, President & CEO, the Hunt Institute

Introduction: **The Honorable James B. Hunt, Jr.**, Governor of North Carolina, (1977-1985; 1993-2001)
Chairman, the Hunt Institute Foundation Board

Remarks: **The Honorable Roy Cooper**, Governor of North Carolina, (2017-present)

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Dinner

BALLROOM 1

**TUESDAY
JANUARY 15, 2019**

7:00 AM – 7:45 AM

Breakfast

BALLROOM 1

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM

Welcome and Reflection

SALON

Dr. Javaid Siddiqi, President & CEO, the Hunt Institute
Representative Craig Horn, House District 68

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM

Early Childhood | Increasing Quality and Access

SALON

This session will explore the connections between early childhood and the rest of the education continuum, including the important benchmark of third grade reading. Panelists will discuss the work underway to increase the access and quality of early experiences for our youngest North Carolinians.

Introduction: **Representative Craig Horn**, House District 68

Moderator: **Meka Sales**, Director of Special Initiatives, The Duke Endowment

Resource Experts: **Karen Ponder**, Distinguished Fellow, BUILD Initiative
Rachel Schumacher, Senior Advisor, Early Childhood, the Hunt Institute

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

Standards, Assessments, and Accountability

SALON

During this session, our panelists will outline the framework of standards, assessments, and accountability systems, and the role of state policy makers in setting standards.

Introduction: **Representative Rosa Gill**, House District 33

Moderator: **Dr. John Denning**, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Resource Experts: **Dr. Eric Hall**, Deputy State Superintendent of Innovation, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Michael Petrilli, President, The Thomas B. Fordham Institute

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Break

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Teacher Preparation | Pathways to Excellence

SALON

This session will take a closer look at North Carolina's varied paths to teacher preparation, including what we know about effective preparation, how to recruit top talent into education, and the policy levers at the state-level that can drive change.

Introduction: **Senator Valerie Foushee**, Senate District 23

Moderator: **Dr. Don Phipps**, Superintendent, Caldwell County Schools

Resource Experts: **Karla Oakley**, Senior Strategist, The New Teacher Project
Dr. Fouad Abd-El-Khalick, Dean, School of Education, UNC-Chapel Hill

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM Break

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM **LUNCH and Higher Education | Access to Postsecondary Learning** **BALLROOM 1**

This session will describe access to postsecondary education in North Carolina including barriers to entry and attainment, and opportunities to support the transition to postsecondary settings.

- Introduction:** **Representative John Fraley**, House District 95
- Moderator:** **MC Belk Pilon**, President & Board Chair, John M. Belk Endowment
- Resource Experts:** **Rocio Gonzalez**, Executive Director, Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte
Peter Hans, President, North Carolina Community College System
Mark Johnson, Superintendent, North Carolina Public Schools

12:45 PM – 1:00 PM Break

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM **Teacher Compensation | Pay and Pensions** **SALON**

Panelists and legislators will engage in a dynamic discussion about how teacher pay impacts our ability to recruit and retain strong teachers. Additionally, we will discuss pensions, including the sustainability of pensions and the role that deferred compensation plays in the broader teacher compensation context.

- Introduction:** **Representative MaryAnn Black**, House District 29
- Moderator:** **Jenni Owen**, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Office of Governor Roy Cooper
- Resource Experts:** **Chad Aldeman**, Senior Associate Partner, Bellwether Education Partners
Stephanie Dean, Vice President of Strategic Policy Advising, Public Impact

2:00 PM – 2:10 PM Break

2:10 PM – 3:00 PM **Professional Perspectives | Building a Pipeline of Leaders** **BALLROOM 1**

To further the learning from previous sessions, legislators will engage in small group discussions with outstanding superintendent and principal teams from across the state to get their on-the-ground perspective on how to strengthen the educator pipeline in North Carolina.

- Introduction:** **Jack Hoke**, Executive Director, North Carolina School Superintendents' Association
- Moderator:** **Patrick Sims**, Director of Policy & Research, the Hunt Institute
- Resource Experts:** **Dr. Tim Markley**, Superintendent, New Hanover County Schools
Krista Holland, Principal, Anderson Elementary School
Dr. Lory Morrow, Superintendent, Lincoln County Schools
Heather Myers, Principal, East Lincoln Middle School
Dr. Pascal Mubenga, Superintendent, Durham Public Schools and
David Hawks, Principal, Durham School of the Arts
Dr. Denise Patterson, Superintendent, Asheville City Schools and
Ruletta Hughes, Principal, Vance Elementary School
Dr. Don Phipps, Superintendent, Caldwell County Schools,
David Colwell, Principal, Hibriten High School

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM Break

3:15 PM– 4:15 PM

School Choice | Charter Schools in North Carolina

SALON

This session will provide an overview of the school choice landscape in North Carolina, including charter schools, and explore ways that North Carolina can ensure a fair and equitable system of education for all students.

Introduction: Senator Rick Horner, Senate District 11

Moderator: Molly Osborne, Director of Policy and Engagement, EducationNC

Resource Experts: Minnie Forte-Brown, Board Member, Durham Public Schools Board of Education and Interim Board Chair, KIPP Eastern North Carolina
Emily Schultz, Director, State Advocacy and Policy, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Education Funding | The Role of State and Local Government

SALON

This session will provide an overview of North Carolina's school funding model and will explore the key benefits and challenges of weighted-student funding, including how other states are balancing issues of equity in the age of school funding lawsuits and expanding school choice.

Introduction: Senator Deanna Ballard, Senate District 45

Moderator: Dr. Sam Houston, President & CEO, North Carolina Science, Mathematics, and Technology Education Center

Resource Expert: Emily Parker, Senior Policy Analyst, Education Commission of the States

5:00 PM

Closing Remarks

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Patrick Sims, Director of Policy & Research, the Hunt Institute

Representative Craig Horn, House District 68