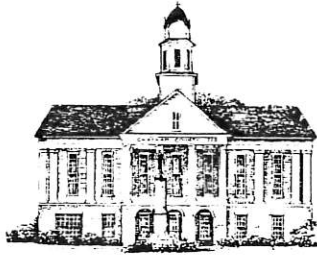


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Res.# 98-05

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Resolution for State Funding of School “English as a Second Language” (ESL) Program

WHEREAS, Chatham County maintains one of the highest per capita expenditures for schools in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County has always had the highest regard for the importance of education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County intends to continually pursue excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners strongly supports the idea of a schools partnership among citizens, state and federal government; and

WHEREAS, growth in school age populations are beginning to exceed the ability of the local community to responsibly account for the resources needed to maintain and increase educational capacities of students; and

WHEREAS, a sizable percentage of the pupil increase is coming from immigrants seeking the American dream; and

WHEREAS, much of this growth is coming from Latin American countries; and

WHEREAS, this growth in immigrant population is producing ever increasing language barriers in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the swelling immigrant population is impeding our local ability to adequately fund school needs and to perform normal teaching functions; and

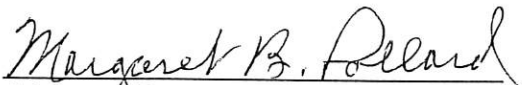
WHEREAS, increased complexity of providing instructional services to the diverse population requires additional staffing; and

WHEREAS, we strongly believe that this surge of growth is an outgrowth of our success as a nation and state; and


WHEREAS, we believe that this growth will continue to diminish the County's ability to provide funds for excellent schools.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, requests the State to provide funding for the ESL program within North Carolina.

Adopted this, the 16th day of March, 1998.


Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST


Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board
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