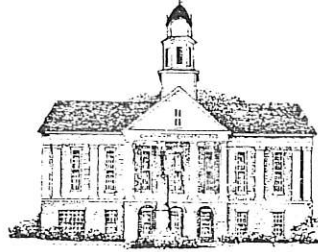


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RESOLUTION TO REQUEST PUBLIC SCHOOL ENERGY COSTS BE FULLY FUNDED BY THE STATE

WHEREAS, prior to 1991, the State of North Carolina paid approximately 40% of each public school system's energy costs; and,

WHEREAS, in 1991 the North Carolina General Assembly phased out half of the State's funding support for public school energy costs and eliminated all assistance in 1992; and,

WHEREAS, if the State had provided all public school systems with 40% of their energy expenses in the 1993-1994 fiscal year--the last year for which funding levels are available from the Department of Public Instruction--the state's share of energy costs would have been \$51,763,000. Its share of the Chatham County Public Schools' energy costs during the fiscal year 1995-1996 would have been \$453,686; and,

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Public Schools' actual energy expenditures for 1995-1996 were \$1,134,215; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the General Assembly's decision to eliminate State funding assistance, counties across the state have not only been forced to fund the 40% originally paid by the state, but have also had to bear the full brunt of increases in energy costs in addition to significant increases in a variety of unfunded mandates; and,

WHEREAS, sufficient notice was simply not provided to counties to prepare for this new financial burden; and,

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners believes that the State of North Carolina should fund 100% of public school systems' energy costs; and,

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Education concurs with this resolution and agrees that the State of North Carolina should fund 100% of public school systems' energy costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners requests that the North Carolina General Assembly assume financial responsibility for fully funding public school energy costs.

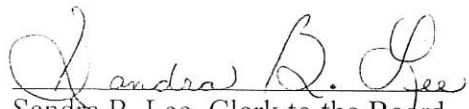
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners requests the assistance of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, the North Carolina School Board Association, and all 100 counties in this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager is directed to forward this resolution to the local Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly and to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Adopted this, the 17th day of February, 1997.


Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST


Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners