



## Students, parents, caretakers, and educators,

Serving as your NC Superintendent of Public Instruction is an honor and a privilege. North Carolina is so grateful for our educators and so proud of our students. We are working hard in Raleigh to promote the positive changes for our schools that you all deserve.

We want you to know about online tools that can help you better understand our public schools: the **NC School Finance Dashboard** and the **NC School Report Cards**.

The NC School Finance Dashboard empowers you with knowledge of how the over \$15 billion per year devoted to our students and educators is spent in North Carolina.

[www.schoolfinance.nc.gov](http://www.schoolfinance.nc.gov)

The NC School Report Cards website contains snapshots of information about our schools, including student academic growth indicators that tell us how well our schools are helping our children learn. [www.schoolreportcards.nc.gov](http://www.schoolreportcards.nc.gov)

As a former teacher, a parent, and an elected leader, I know this information, while important, cannot tell you the entire story of a school. These facts and figures cannot voice the extra hours put in by your teachers preparing for class and helping individual students, the school spirit felt by families, the involvement in sports, arts, or other extracurriculars that help build character, and other crucial aspects of a school community. I encourage you to visit your school's individual website to find out more about the school's full story.

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