**Our Vision**

ALL NORTH CAROLINA CHILDREN shall have the opportunity to **REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL** through equitable and meaningful public education that nourishes our state's civic and economic vitality.

**Our Mission**

To provide **TRUSTED, NONPARTISAN, EVIDENCE-BASED RESEARCH, POLICY ANALYSIS AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS** that empower an informed public to demand that education best practice becomes common practice throughout North Carolina.

**Our Work in North Carolina**

**Policy Team and Experts**
- Big Picture analysis of public education issues
- Case studies
- Research
- Annual Top Issues Brief
- Meetings with local, county, and state officials
- Online workshops and webinars
- In-person conferences, workshops, and events

[ncforum.org](http://ncforum.org)

**Dudley Flood Center for Educational Equity and Opportunity**
- Policy, research, and advocacy
- Partnerships
- Capacity building and convening of stakeholders
- Outreach, communications, and dissemination

[floodcenter.org](http://floodcenter.org)

**North Carolina Center for Afterschool Programs**
- Network of afterschool providers
- Support
- Inform
- Convence
- Advocate

[ncafterschool.org](http://ncafterschool.org)

**North Carolina Center for Resilience and Learning**
- Whole school, whole child framework
- Trauma informed learning environments
- Professional development for educators
- Ongoing coaching and technical assistance
- Online course and collaboration forum

[resilienceandlearning.org](http://resilienceandlearning.org)
Key Policy Metrics

Progress was made on several of the Forum’s Top Educational Issues and Metrics, including:

• The NC Supreme Court ruled in favor of funding the **Leandro Comprehensive Remedial Plan**.

• The NC Teaching Fellows program was expanded to 2 Historically Black Colleges and Universities and 1 Minority-Serving Institution.

• Waivers for accountability requirements and ADM hold-harmless for district budgets were passed due to the impact of the pandemic.

• **$1 billion of one-time federal COVID relief** funding was allocated to broadband expansion in the 2021-23 budget.

• **Governor Cooper vetoed House Bill 324**, which would have limited teaching of history of systemic racism and inequities in the United States.

Major Funders

A.J. Fletcher Foundation  
Afterschool Alliance  
Amgen  
Barnhill Family Foundation  
Anonymous Trust  
Belk Foundation  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina  
Brady Education Foundation  
Burroughs Wellcome Fund  
Capital Broadcasting Corporation  
ChadTrust Foundation  
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Duke Energy Foundation  
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MDC  
NC Department of Natural & Cultural Resources  
Participate Learning  
Richard Urquhart STEM Next  
The Conway Family Fund  
TowneBank  
W.K. Kellogg Foundation  
Wells Fargo  
Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation

Resources

Impact Report 2022
2022 by the Numbers

Education Matters Episodes
- 22 episodes aired on WRAL, Fox50, and UNC TV and through a direct link and on our podcast.

Rural Teacher Leadership Network
- 40 attendees from every region across NC.
- 120 attendees from 57 counties and 15 Educator Preparation Programs.
- Cohort 1 fellows graduated, and 40 RTLNs fellows kicked off cohort 2.

Education Policy Fellowship Program
- 72 attendees in-person and virtual combined.
- Fellows are participating in the largest cohort ever during our 36th year of the program.

Equity Officers
- 20 attendees joined our Equity Core cohort.

Events and Convenings

Eggs & Issues
- 581 attendees from every region across NC.

Synergy
- 251 attendees in-person and virtual combined.

Color of Education
- 600 attendees in-person and virtual combined.

Teacher Licensure Pathways Focus Group
- 120 attendees.

Education Policy Primer Sessions
- 132 candidates for public office.
- 135 general public participants.

Outreach and Engagement

Op-Eds
- 16 ran in state and local news outlets across the state.

Publications
- 18 on diverse public education topics and issues.

Story Citations
- 16 of Forum resources in other organization's publications.

General Assembly Candidates
- 129 completed a pre-election education policy issues survey to share where they stand.
Publications

- Top Education Issues
- Local School Finance Study
- Education Policy Primer
- NC School Desegregation & Resegregation Timeline
- Resilience & Learning Case Studies
- Teacher Licensure Pathways Focus Group Report
- Landscape Analysis of Teacher Preparation Partnerships

Stakeholder Engagement Map

- EPFP Fellows
- Rural Teacher Leader Network Districts
- Resilience and Learning District Partnership
- Educator Pipeline Collaborative Members
- NC Ed Partner