

## 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](https://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](https://floodcenter.org)



### North Carolina Center for Afterschool Programs

- ✓ Network of afterschool providers
- ✓ Support
- ✓ Inform
- ✓ Convene
- ✓ Advocate

[ncafterschool.org](https://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](https://resilienceandlearning.org)

# TOP

## EDUCATION ISSUES

# 2022

Broadband Access  
Teacher & Principal  
Recruitment, Retention  
and Diversity

Social and Emotional  
Learning

Culturally Responsive  
Curriculum and Pedagogy

Flexibility for Local School  
Districts

Assessment and  
Accountability

Afterschool Programs and  
Expanded Learning

Early Childhood Education  
& Literacy

Post-Secondary Attainment

Adequate and Equitable  
State Funding to Support  
Public Education

## 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  
ChildTrust Foundation  
Corning  
Duke Energy  
Foundation  
East Carolina  
University College of  
Education

First Citizens Bank  
Goodnight Educational  
Foundation  
John M. Belk  
Endowment  
Kate B. Reynolds  
Charitable Trust  
LearnPlatform  
Lenovo  
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

## 2022 by the Numbers



**22**

### Education Matters Episodes

aired on WRAL, Fox50, and UNC TV and through a direct link and on our podcast



**40**

### Rural Teacher Leadership Network

cohort 1 fellows graduated, and 40 RTLN fellows kicked off cohort 2



**72**

### Education Policy Fellowship Program

Fellows are participating in the largest cohort ever during our 36th year of the program



**20**

### Equity Officers

joined our Equity Core cohort



Friday Reports distributed

**4,647**

to stakeholders weekly

Equity Digests distributed

**9,655**

to stakeholders monthly

Resilience Readers distributed

**651**

to stakeholders monthly

## 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

from 57 counties and 15 Educator Preparation Programs

### Education Policy Primer Sessions

**132**

candidates

for public office

**135**

general public

participants

## Outreach and Engagement



**16**

Op-Eds

ran in state and local news outlets across the state



**18**

Publications

on diverse public education topics and issues



**16**

Story Citations

of Forum resources in other organization's publications



**129**

General Assembly Candidates

completed a pre-election education policy issues survey to share where they stand

# Publications



[Top Education Issues](#)



[Local School Finance Study](#)



[Education Policy Primer](#)



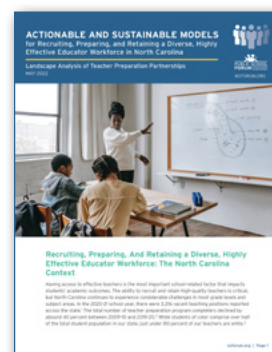
[NC School Desegregation & Resegregation Timeline](#)



[Resilience & Learning Case Studies](#)



[Teacher Licensure Pathways Focus Group Report](#)



[Landscape Analysis of Teacher Preparation Partnerships](#)

# Stakeholder Engagement Map

