



2021 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PRIORITY

ACCOUNTABILITY

Public education is our nation's great equalizer—in our schools, our children have access to opportunities, experiences, and knowledge regardless of their race, religion, ability, or socioeconomic status. Our public schools will provide the educated, innovative, and creative workforce of tomorrow—the entrepreneurs, engineers, scientists, artists, and political leaders who will ensure that our nation will flourish in an increasingly competitive global economy. However, the public education system must be strengthened and supported with adequate funding.

North Carolina PTA will support initiatives as well as encourage and advocate for legislation and policies that will:

- Guarantee public funds are not diverted to any private school choice proposal and/or voucher system, including tax credit scholarship programs.
- Robustly fund public schools to ensure students have access to a well-rounded education and receive high-quality instruction from well-prepared teachers.
- Ensure all public-school choice and public charter school programs are accountable to the public, open to all students, comply with federal health and safety and discrimination laws, and are supported by public funds that do not divert funding from non-charter public schools.