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Omni Charlotte Hotel  
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### SESSION GOALS

1. To present the major issues affecting our ability to educate our children.
2. To present the "State of the Schools": who are we educating, how we are doing and who does a good job of educating our children.
3. To hear about day-to-day teaching and understand the impact that policy and priorities may have on the classroom experience for teachers and students.
4. To present the priorities, concerns, and goals of the various educational institutions and understand their relationships to each other.
5. To identify ways in which class members might act on their interests in education.
6. To showcase the quality and commitment of educational leadership at all levels.
7. To enhance understanding of the interdependency of education with other state issues.

### PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Each Session's Planning Committee is made up of members of LNC Class XIII.

## AGENDA

### Wednesday, February 7 (Optional Activities)

- 2 – 4 pm                      Tour of Bobcats Arena (meet in Omni Motor Lobby at 1:30 pm)
- 6 – 7:30 pm                   Welcoming Reception – UNC Charlotte Chancellor's Residence  
*Hosted and sponsored by UNC Charlotte; also sponsored by Centex Construction*

# AGENDA

**Thursday, February 8**

**Meeting Location:** *Morning – Omni Hotel, Dogwood Room; Afternoon – West Charlotte High School Media Center  
Evening – McColl Center for Visual Art and Mint Museum of Craft + Design*

- 8 – 8:10 am Welcome and Session Overview Mary Anna Bingham, *Session Chair*
- 8:10 – 8:20 am Charlotte Welcome Moira Quinn  
*Senior Vice President of Communications and Chief Operating Officer, Charlotte Center City Partners*
- 8:20 – 9:30 am Public Education Policy K-12 Dr. June St. Clair Atkinson  
*State Superintendent, NC Department of Public Instruction*
- 9:30 – 9:45 am Break – ***Sponsored by Charlotte Center City Partners and The Staubach Company***
- 9:45 – 11:15 am Teacher Panel – Challenges and Opportunities in Pre-K – 12 Education
- **West Charlotte High School (Public / 9-12)** Marissa H. Anderson  
*Academic Facilitator and former English Teacher*
  - **Trinity Episcopal School (Private / K-8)** Susan Ban  
*7th and 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher*
  - **Homeschooling Parent** Ernie Hodges  
*President, North Carolinians for Home Education*
  - **Union Academy (Charter / K-12)** Kathryn “Katie” Holmberg  
*Lower School Division Head and former First Grade Teacher*
  - **Merry Oaks International Academy of Learning (Pre-K)** Tracie O’Hara  
*Teacher*
- 11:15 am Meet in the Omni Motor Lobby; bus will leave promptly at 11:30 am
- 11:30 am – Noon Travel to West Charlotte High School  
***Transportation sponsored by Office Environments and Trammell Crow Company***
- Noon – 1 pm Lunch and Leadership Profile John W. Modest Jr.  
***Lunch sponsored by Childress Klein Properties*** *Principal, West Charlotte High School*
- 1 – 1:45 pm School Tour
- 1:45 – 3:15 pm Debriefing Panel (***break food and drinks sponsored by West Charlotte High School***)
- **Superintendent** Dr. Peter C. “Pete” Gorman  
*Superintendent, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools*
  - **Principal** John Modest
  - **Teacher** Marissa Anderson
  - **Parent** Rosalind Reed  
*Parent, West Charlotte High School*
  - **Student** Isaiah Scott  
*Student Body President, West Charlotte High School*
- 3:15 – 4:35 pm Return to hotel and free time
- 4:35 pm Meet in the Omni Motor Lobby; bus will leave promptly at 4:45 pm
- 4:45 – 5 pm Travel to McColl Center for Visual Art
- 5 – 6:30 pm Arts & Education – “Educating the Whole” Suzanne Fetscher  
*President & CEO, McColl Center for Visual Art*  
James “Jim” Meena  
*General Director & Principal Conductor, Opera Carolina*  
Cheryl Palmer  
*Director of Education, The Mint Museums*
- 6:30 – 9 pm Class Dinner – Mint Museum of Craft + Design  
***Space sponsored by Mint Museum of Craft + Design***  
***Dinner sponsored by AT&T North Carolina and NewDominion Bank***

# AGENDA

## Friday, February 9

**Meeting Location:** **UNC Charlotte - Barnhardt Student Activity Center (Salon Rooms, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)**  
**Meeting space, breaks and lunch sponsored by UNC Charlotte**

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| 8:30 – 8:45 am      | Announcements / LNC Business                 |   |
| 8:45 – 10 am        | Public/Private Partnerships panel            | <b>Bill Anderson</b><br><i>Executive Director</i><br><i>Communities In Schools of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Inc.</i>  |
|                     |  | <b>J. Bryant Kinney</b><br><i>Vice President, Government Affairs, Duke Energy Carolinas</i><br><i>Board Member, North Carolina Business Committee for Education</i><br><i>Member, LNC Class XIV</i> |
|                     |  | <b>Deanna K. “Dee” Lee</b><br><i>Senior Vice President, Community Affairs</i><br><i>Wachovia Corporation</i>  |
| 10 – 10:15 am       | Break  |   |
| 10:15 – 11:15 am    | Exceptional Students                         | <b>Laura Hamby</b><br><i>Exceptional Children Program Specialist - Curriculum &amp; Instruction</i><br><i>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools</i>   |
|                     |  | <b>Dr. Nancy T. Johnson</b><br><i>NCDPI SW Regional Consultant, Exceptional Children</i><br><i>UNC Charlotte</i>  |
| 11:15 am – 12:15 pm | The Leandro Case                             | <b>The Honorable Howard E. Manning Jr.</b><br><i>Resident Superior Court Judge, District 10B – Wake County</i>  |
| 12:15 – 1 pm        | Lunch  |   |
| 1 – 2:15 pm         | Higher Education Future                      | <b>Jeffrey R. “Jeff” Davies</b><br><i>Chief of Staff, The University of North Carolina General Administration</i>   |
|                     |  | <b>Dr. Delores A. Parker</b><br><i>Vice President for Academic and Student Services, North Carolina Community College System</i><br><i>Member, LNC Class IX and LNC Board of Directors</i>          |
|                     |  | <b>Dr. A. Hope Williams</b><br><i>President, North Carolina Independent Colleges &amp; Universities</i>   |
| 2:15 – 2:30 pm      | Break  |   |
| 2:30 – 3:45 pm      | Higher Education Partnerships and Challenges | <b>Dr. Pamela L. Davies</b><br><i>President, Queens University of Charlotte</i>   |
|                     |  | <b>Dr. Philip L. “Phil” Dubois</b><br><i>Chancellor, UNC Charlotte</i>  |
|                     |  | <b>Dr. Dianne Boardley Suber</b><br><i>President, Saint Augustine’s College</i>   |
|                     |  | <b>Dr. P. Anthony “Tony” Zeiss</b><br><i>President, Central Piedmont Community College</i><br><i>Member, LNC Class I</i>  |
| 3:45 – 4 pm         | Learnings and Takeaways                      | <b>Planning Committee</b>   |
| 4 pm                | Adjourn                                      |   |