



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 16

DATE OF MEETING: November 21, 2011

REQUESTED BY: Commissioner F.D. Rivenbark

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Supporting Reinstatement of Funding for the N.C. Teaching Fellows Program

BACKGROUND: The General Assembly decided to phase out funding for the Teaching Fellows Program in this year's budget. For nearly a quarter of a century the program has provided scholarships to high school seniors in return for a commitment to teach four years in North Carolina public schools. The annual cost of the program is \$13.5 million. Educators and others are concerned for the negative impact elimination of the program will have on teacher effectiveness and quality of education. Commissioner Rivenbark has requested the Board consider a resolution supporting reinstatement of funding for this program. A resolution is attached for the Board's consideration. The resolution will be forwarded to the County's legislative delegation.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution entitled "Resolution Supporting Reinstatement of Funding for the N.C. Teaching Fellows Program".

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

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RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the Board hereby adopts the resolution entitled "Resolution Supporting Reinstatement of Funding for the N.C. Teaching Fellows Program". The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Brown ___ Tate ___ Rivenbark ___ Ward ___ Williams ___

George R. Brown, Chairman Date

ATTEST Date



**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REINSTATEMENT OF FUNDING
FOR THE N.C. TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, for the past quarter of a century North Carolina has funded the N.C. Teaching Fellows Program; and

WHEREAS, the program currently provides a \$6,500 annual scholarship to 500 high school seniors in exchange for a four-year commitment to teach in North Carolina public schools; and

WHEREAS, the program has provided scholarships to thousands of high school students across the state in exchange for teaching four years in North Carolina classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the program is attributed to increasing the effectiveness of teachers and the quality of education in the North Carolina public schools; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly decided to phase out funding for the \$13.5 million program in this year's state budget; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of this program will have a negative impact on the effectiveness of North Carolina public school teachers and thus the quality of education in the state's public school system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pender County Board of Commissioners encourages and supports the reinstatement of funding of the N.C. Teaching Fellows Program to restore this program that so positively impacts the quality of education in North Carolina.

Adopted this the 21st day of November, 2011.

George R. Brown, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Rick Benton, County Manager