



**RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
January 18, 2023**

WHEREAS, the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) found that 64 percent of North Carolina’s fourth graders scored below proficient in reading; and

WHEREAS, in April 2020 the Board of Governors called on the 15 educator preparation programs in the UNC System to adopt a common framework for literacy based on the science of reading; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the North Carolina General Assembly passed the Excellent Public Schools Act, which requires all approved educator preparation programs in elementary education and special education general curriculum in the state to include training in the science of reading; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) found that 68 percent of North Carolina’s fourth graders scored below proficient in reading; and

WHEREAS, a legislatively-mandated review of adherence to the legal requirements of the Excellent Public Schools Act across 30 educator preparation programs in the state, including the 15 UNC System programs, has found that just one UNC program was rated “strong”, five were rated “good”, and the remainder were rated “needs improvement” or “inadequate”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors shall require that by July 1, 2023, all UNC System educator preparation programs in elementary and special education general curriculum will have addressed areas in need of improvement as identified in the legislatively-mandated review so as to comply with the provisions of the Excellent Public Schools Act and shall provide evidence to the President of actions taken to bring programs into full compliance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event an educator preparation program does not provide sufficient evidence to the President that areas in need of improvement have been addressed by July 1, 2023, the chancellor, provost, and dean will present to the Board of Governors Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs at its next scheduled meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on that presentation and other available evidence, the Board of Governors Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs, in consultation with the President, shall decide what remedies are appropriate to ensure compliance.

This the _____ day of _____ 2023

Randall C. Ramsey, Chair

Meredith R. McCullen, Secretary

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