

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CHANGES TO ELECTIONS FOR THE  
JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Johnston County Board of Education is charged with making decisions that affect all public school students and staff in Johnston County;

**WHEREAS**, the Johnston County Board of Education consists of seven members elected at-large on a nonpartisan basis for staggering, four-year terms;

**WHEREAS**, beginning with the 1998 election, members of the Johnston County Board of Education have been elected in nonpartisan elections held in even-numbered years and all members serve Johnston County as members at-large;

**WHEREAS**, all registered voters in Johnston County may vote for all seven members of the Johnston County Board of Education;

**WHEREAS**, the current election method does not take into account geographic representation on the Johnston County Board of Education;

**WHEREAS**, legislative approval is needed in order to alter the election method for the Johnston County Board of Education;

**WHEREAS**, the Johnston County Board of Education desires to change its election method to ensure geographic representation across Johnston County of the members of the Board;

**WHEREAS**, the Johnston County Board of Education does not seek to change the at-large election of its members but believes that moving to residency districts would help ensure geographic representation of its members from across Johnston County, while preserving the at-large election of its members;

**WHEREAS**, in the majority of North Carolina's 115 school districts, citizens may vote for all members of their Board of Education;

**WHEREAS**, the Johnston County Board of Commissioners is elected from residency districts and has recently redefined its residency district boundaries for the purpose of balancing population;

**WHEREAS**, over the years, the current election method has resulted in election of members across the county, except for schools located in the southern portion of the county, which representation is needed to support all Johnston County Public Schools and the students and communities they serve;

**WHEREAS**, the Johnston County Board of Education believes that as a nonpartisan race, the board's election should align with all other municipal elections across Johnston County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Johnston County Board of Education desires to move to a system of residency districts to improve geographic representation for its members and supports local legislation from the North Carolina General Assembly authorizing the implementation of residency districts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. All members of the Board make decisions that affect all public school students and staff in Johnston County, while serving on the Board; and
2. The Johnston County Board of Education supports a change to its election method that will possibly lead to greater geographic representation on the Board of Education by changing the election method to residency districts; and

3. The Johnston County Board of Education supports transitioning to this method beginning in the year 2025, with staggered terms elected every two years thereafter, in order to have sufficient time for local legislation and enactment of residency districts; and
4. The Board requests the members of the General Assembly enact a local bill authorizing modification of its method of election.

Adopted by the Johnston County Board of Education; this, the \_\_\_ day of October, 2023.

By:

---

Ms. Lyn Andrews, Chair  
Johnston County Board of Education

Attest:

---

Dr. Eric Bracy, Secretary  
Johnston County Board of Education