Franklin County Board of Education 53 West River Road Louisburg, NC 27549

Dear Superintendent Schuhler, My Name: Edward Strickland My Address: 65 EF Cottrell Road, Louisburg, NC 27549

I respectfully request an opportunity to share a special resolution before the Franklin County Board of Education during its June 9, 2025 meeting. Please add this item to the meeting agenda per Policy Code: 2310 Public Participation at Board Meetings.

As Chair of the Franklin County Republican Party, I will read the RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AGE-APPROPRIATE, CONTENT-APPROPRIATE BOOKS AND ONLINE INFORMATION IN FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOLS. This resolution passed unanimously during the Franklin County Republican Party's annual meeting March 15, 2025. The resolution asks that the Franklin County Board of Education adopt a policy that content provided by and/or in conjunction with Franklin County Schools must be age and content appropriate, as per a transparent, parent-accessible rating system such as the MPA Rating System, and inappropriate content that does not promote excellent academic skills, good citizenship, or future success in legal employment should not be available to students via Franklin County Schools, its Administrators, its teachers, its staff, its contractors or others affiliated with Franklin County Schools. Per Policy Code: 2310; I request up to 10 minutes in case I have some other members of the Republican Party who wish to speak in favor of the resolution.

It is our belief that adopting such a content-screening policy would complement HB 959, Protecting Students in a Digital Age, as well as HB 636, Promoting Wholesome Content for Students, which currently are in the Senate Rules and Operations committee of the Senate.

As educators, administrators and citizens, we have a responsibility to prioritize the educational and developmental needs of our students. We would like to work to provide the best possible education for Franklin County students while making policy impact transparent and effective.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Strickland, Chairman of the Franklin County Republican Party