



GOVERNOR'S TEACHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 28, 2025

CHAT LIFE UPDATE



AUGUST MEETING REFLECTION



GTAC



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WHAT: Advise the Governor on key education issues impacting teachers while serving as ambassadors who represent the Governor at events, maintain communication with local boards of education and educators statewide, engage with stakeholders, and share opportunities that support and elevate the teaching profession.

WHY: GTAC unites educators around common themes to transform classroom insights into actions that strengthen public education statewide.

HOW: Through quarterly meetings, GTAC members will collaborate on the existing state of their common themes and work towards the desired state by collecting information to present a deliverable to Governor Stein.



GTAC



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29 JUL JULY 29, 2025 — RALEIGH, NC
Governor's Teacher Advisory Committee Meeting

Identified our Common Themes for Educational Progress in North Carolina

28 OCT OCTOBER 28, 2025
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Examining Existing vs. Desired State for our Common Themes work

27 JAN JANUARY 27, 2026 — RALEIGH, NC
Governor's Teacher Advisory Committee Meeting

Collaborate Common Themes Work, Identify Next Steps to Present Deliverable

28 APR APRIL 28, 2026
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Review Common Themes Work, Present Deilverable





Meeting Outcomes

By the end of the meeting, members of GTAC will have:

1. Received a legislative update
 2. Learned about Achieving Educational Excellence, North Carolina's 5 year public school strategic plan
 3. Worked in common these small groups to align with Achieving Educational Excellence.
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Agenda

Legislative Updates

DPI + Strategic Plan

Common Themes Work

GTAC Advocacy

Closing



CONFLICT OF INTEREST



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



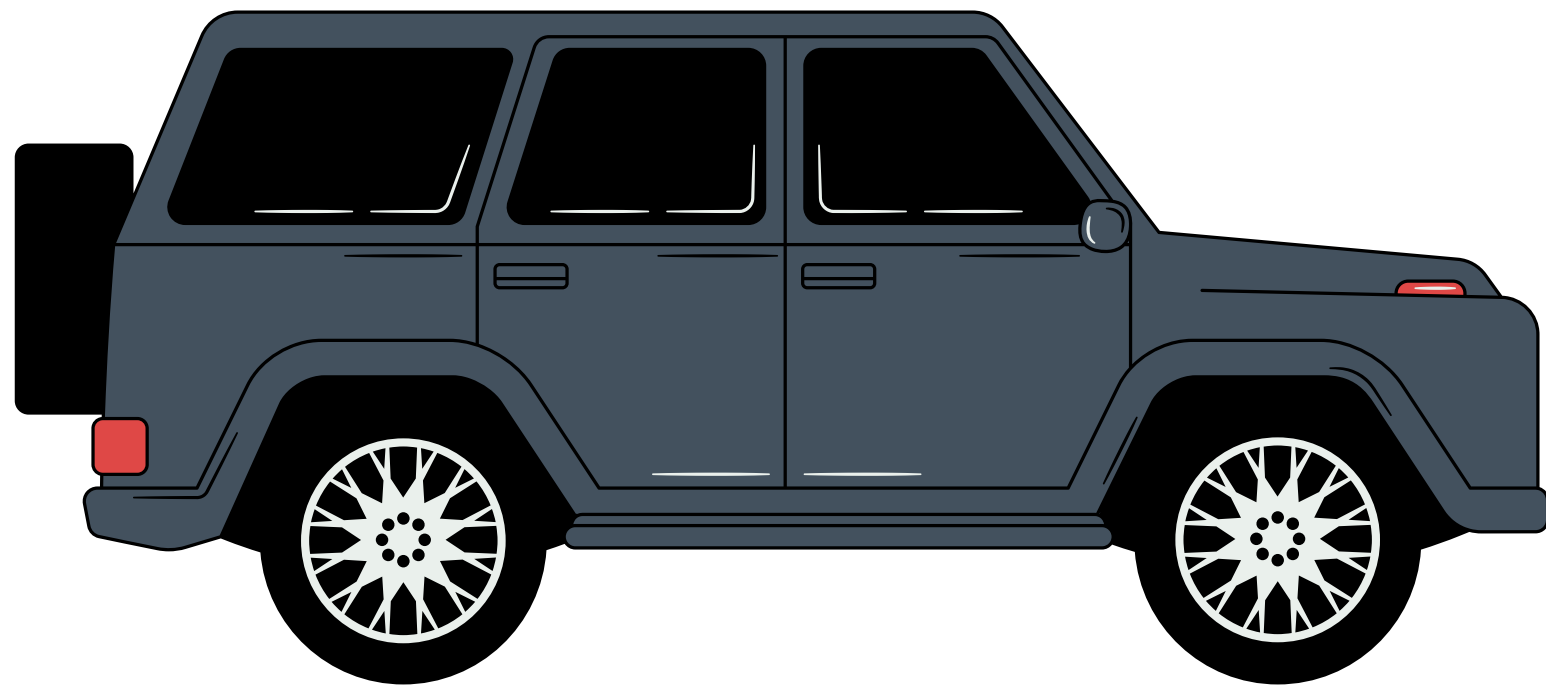
ACHIEVING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE





COMMON THEMES WORK

Common Themes Work



The vehicle for us to
transform classroom
insights into actions.

GOOGLE DRIVE LINK



[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/GTAC2025](https://tinyurl.com/GTAC2025)

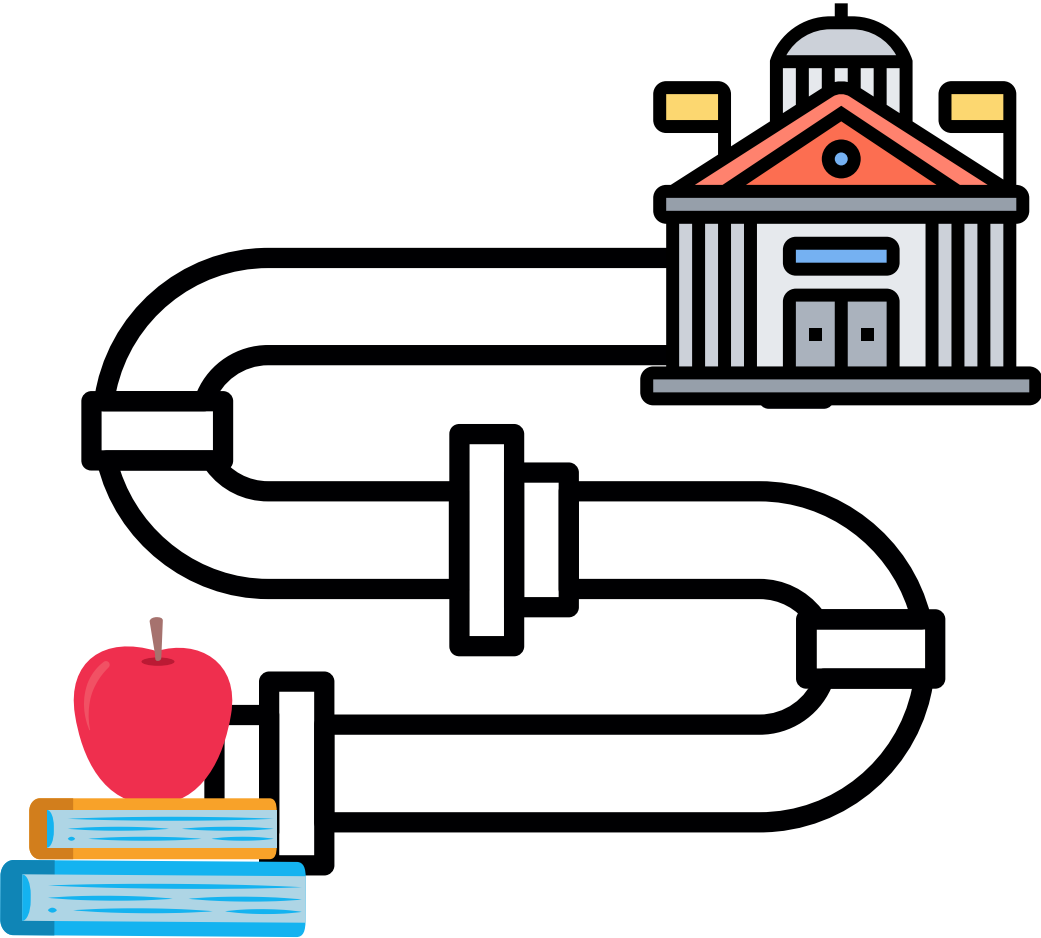


Common Themes Work

From the Classroom to the Capitol:

Summary:

Theme & Item:	GTAC Member:
Meet Students Where They Are Digital Equity Improve Facilities Feeding Kids AI / 21 st Century Learners	Anthony Chanel Bobbie
Recruit, Respect, Retain Teachers ▼ Revamp process for becoming a teacher (eliminate additional hoops) Higher teacher pay Incentives	Marisha Yaronda Hannah Emily Amanda
Improve Literacy at all Levels	Lindsay Lydia Tamika Tayler Christian Summer
Hire more support staff Improve state allotment	Elyse Rachel Emma



Common Themes Work



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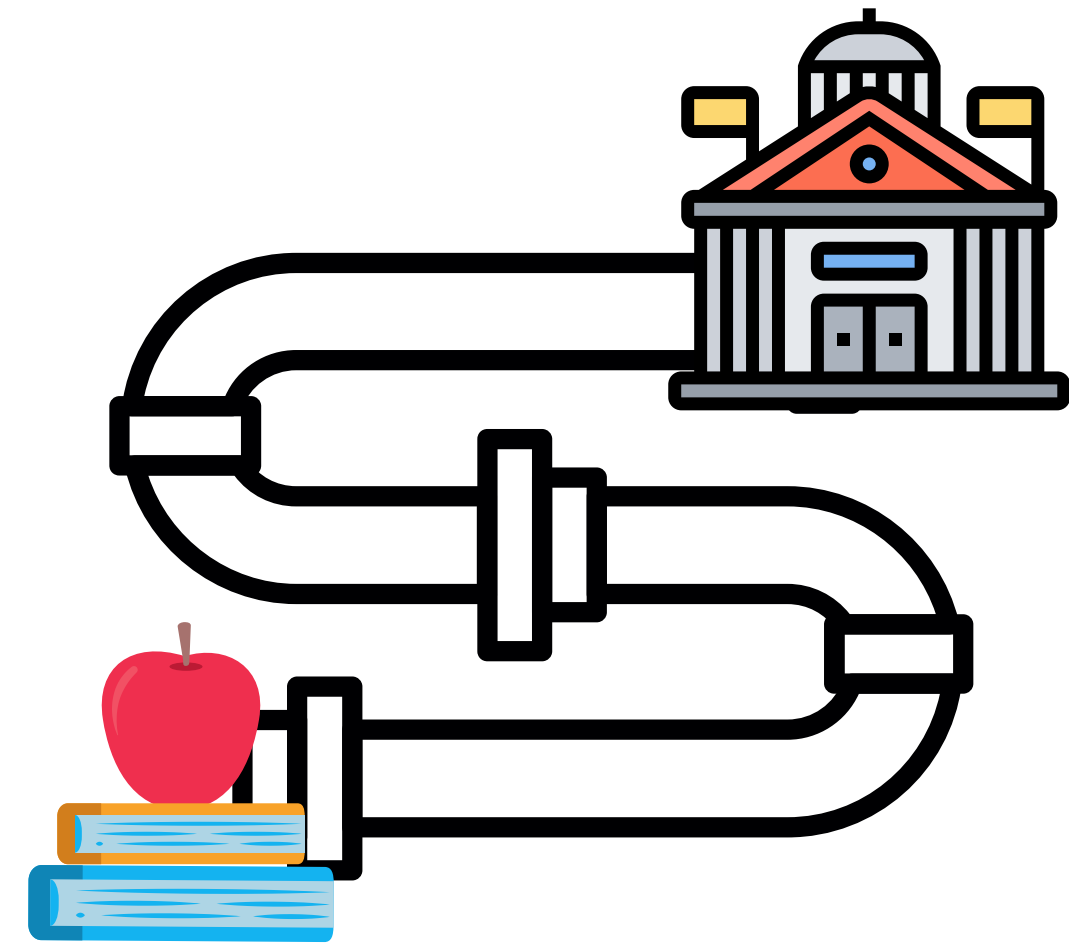
In your breakout session:



Fill out the Common Themes Template



Be prepared to share a 5 minute overview whole group



Common Themes Work

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Common Themes Work

Members:
Represented:
:

Theme: (Fill in the blank)					
Related Goal in Strategic Plan: (Fill in the blank)					
Existing State		Desired State		Root Causes	
What is the current issue? What data highlights the issue? Who is impacted specifically?		What are you hoping to accomplish? What will success look like when you arrive? Who will be impacted? How will you know when you are successful?		What are some reasons this may be	
Research					
Pick a potential root cause. What do we need to learn about this root cause? What do we need to learn about this root cause?		What's working in our regions? What are barriers/gaps?		What are barriers/gaps?	
Perspectives					
Who are the people closest to the problem? Who are some people you might talk with to help you better understand what's going on?					
Change Idea/Strategies to Try	Plan to Make It Happen	How will we "measure" the impact?	Results	Next Step	Possible Deliverables for GTAC

What it is....

- A guide
- A resource for the process
- A potential capture tool

What it ain't....

- Set in stone; there's flexibility in the process

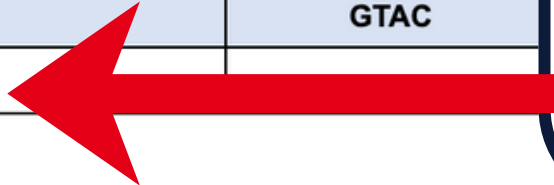
Common Themes Work

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Common Themes Work

Group Members:
Regions Represented:
Recorder:

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Related Goal in Strategic Plan: (Fill in the blank)					
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Fill this out together



And when your team is ready, try something out.

Collect data - quick data - to see if it's working.

Quantitative data - numbers

Qualitative data - thoughts, feelings, stories, words

Start small, fail fast, and learn as you go.

Common Themes Work

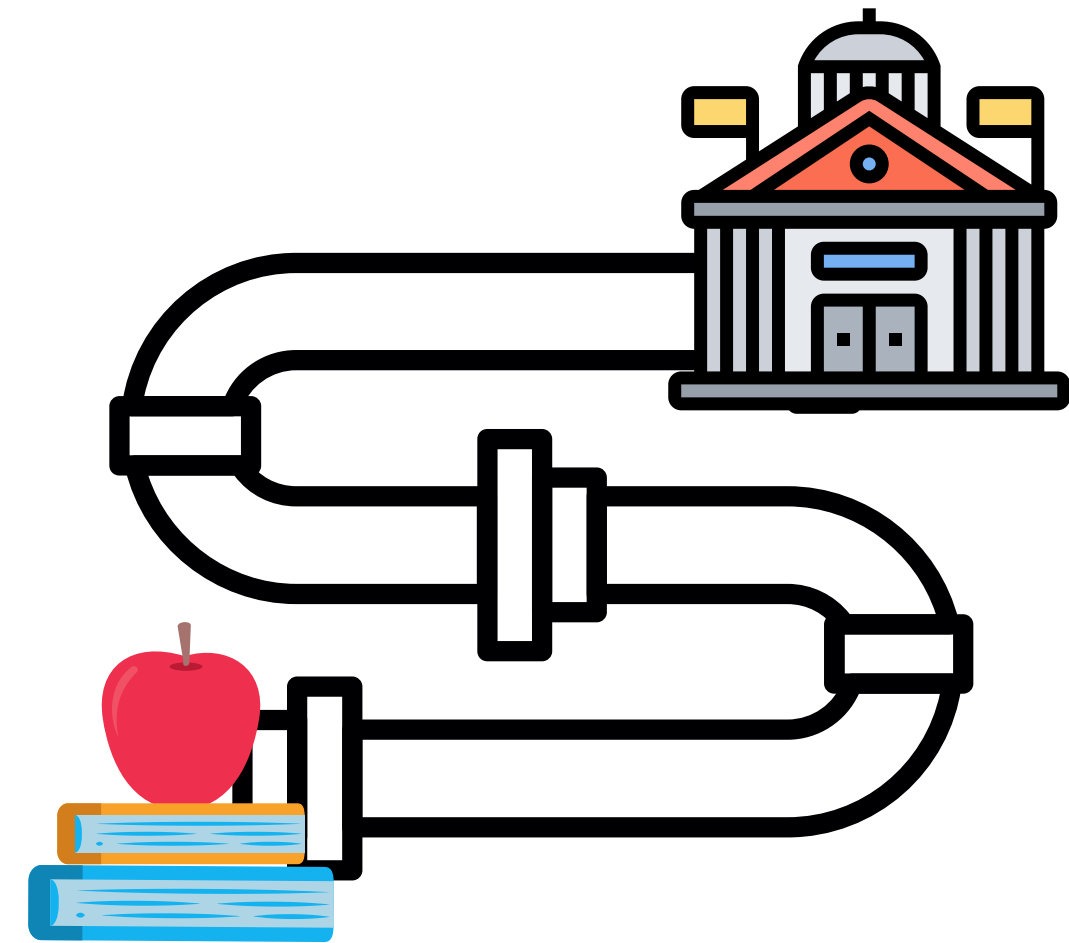
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GTAC ADVOCACY

GTAC Advocacy

<https://tinyurl.com/gtacadvocate2025>

Padlet

Rachel Candasa • 3m

Through our quarterly meetings, GTAC continues to advance our common themes by advocating for public education across North Carolina. Use this space to show and tell — upload photos, posts, or short reflections that highlight how you're championing education in your region. Post your response to the discussion topic by clicking the plus button below.

Where have you represented GTAC or advocated for public education?

How are you amplifying teacher or student voices in your community?

Which of our GTAC common themes does your advocacy connect to?

What impact have you seen (or hope to see) from your advocacy?

What's next? How do you plan to keep this momentum going before our next meeting?

The Padlet board features a dark purple background with a pattern of small, colorful geometric shapes (triangles, circles, and lines) in shades of blue, green, and yellow. Each of the five discussion topics is presented in a dark purple rectangular box with a white border. Below each topic box is a dark purple button with a white plus sign. A large, light blue plus sign is located in the bottom right corner of the board. The right side of the board has a vertical toolbar with icons for search, share, copy, notifications, play, settings, and a menu. The top left corner shows the Padlet logo and the creator's name and time.



PUBLIC COMMENT



CLOSING COMMENT + REMINDERS



GOVERNOR'S TEACHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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OVERVIEW OF GTAC



Upcoming Events for Governors Teacher Advisory Committee



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Conflict of Interest & Public Records



Travel Reimbursement

Website

Public Comment





Agenda

Brainstorming Meeting
Topics & Deliverables

Collaboration w/ Previous
GTAC Members

Closing



Desired Outcomes

By the end of the meeting, members of GTAC will have:

1. **Heard from Governor Stein and received the oath for their appointment.**
2. **Received logistical information about GTAC.**
3. **Engaged in a collaborative process for determining how we would like to use our meeting time for the coming year.**
4. **Heard from previous members of Governor Cooper's GTAC about their experiences as GTAC members.**



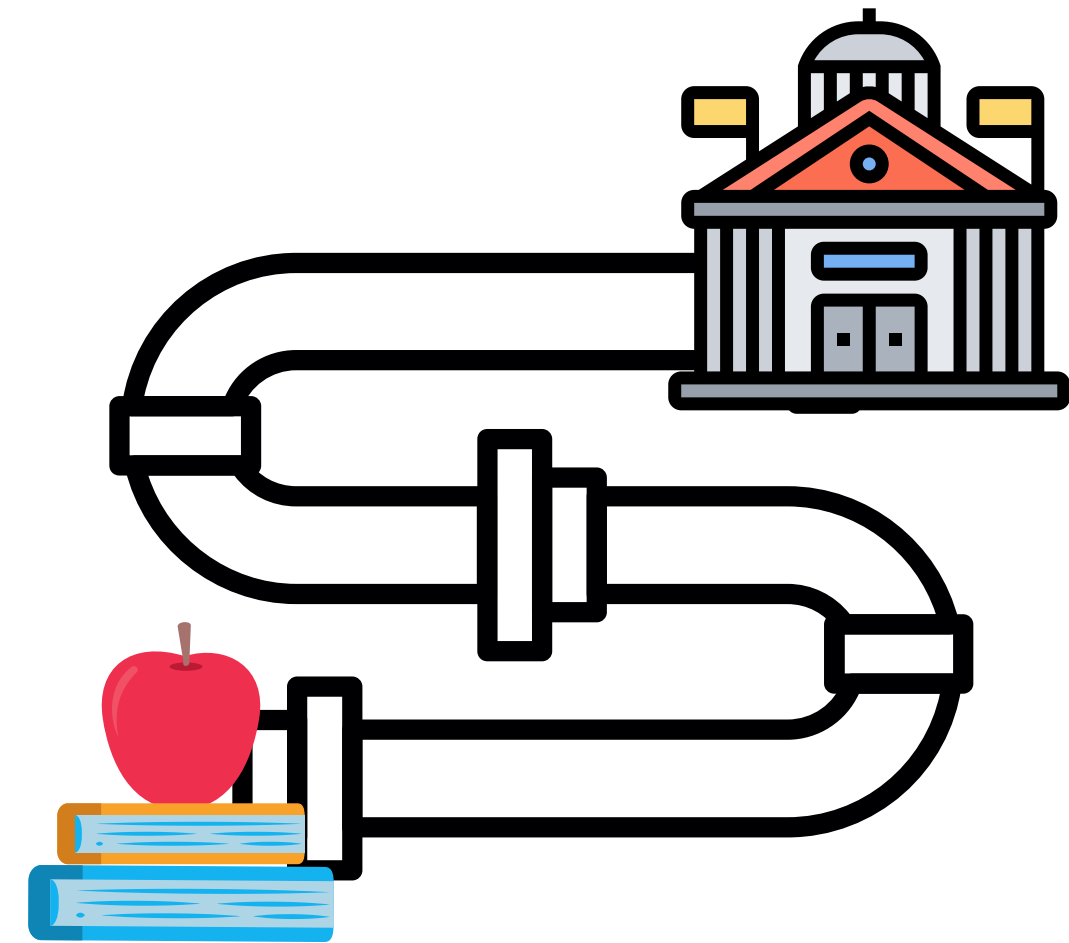
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



From the Classroom to the Capitol: The Teacher Voice Pipeline

Goal:

To collaboratively generate ideas for the next 3 GTAC meetings and co-create a clear, impactful deliverable(s) to present to Governor Stein.



Raise **Teacher Pay** to Be
the Highest in the
Southeast by 2027.

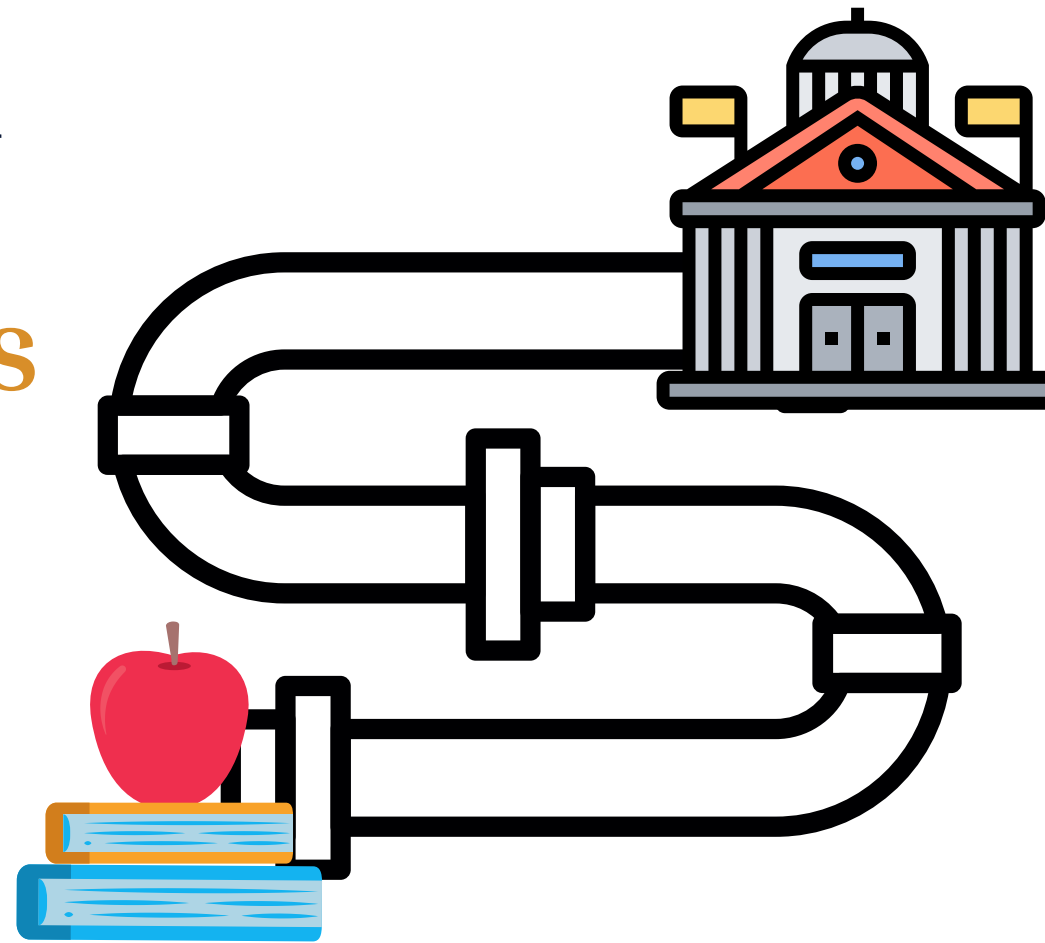
Free school breakfasts for all
public school students.

Proposes a \$4 billion
bond to **modernize
aging school facilities**
statewide.

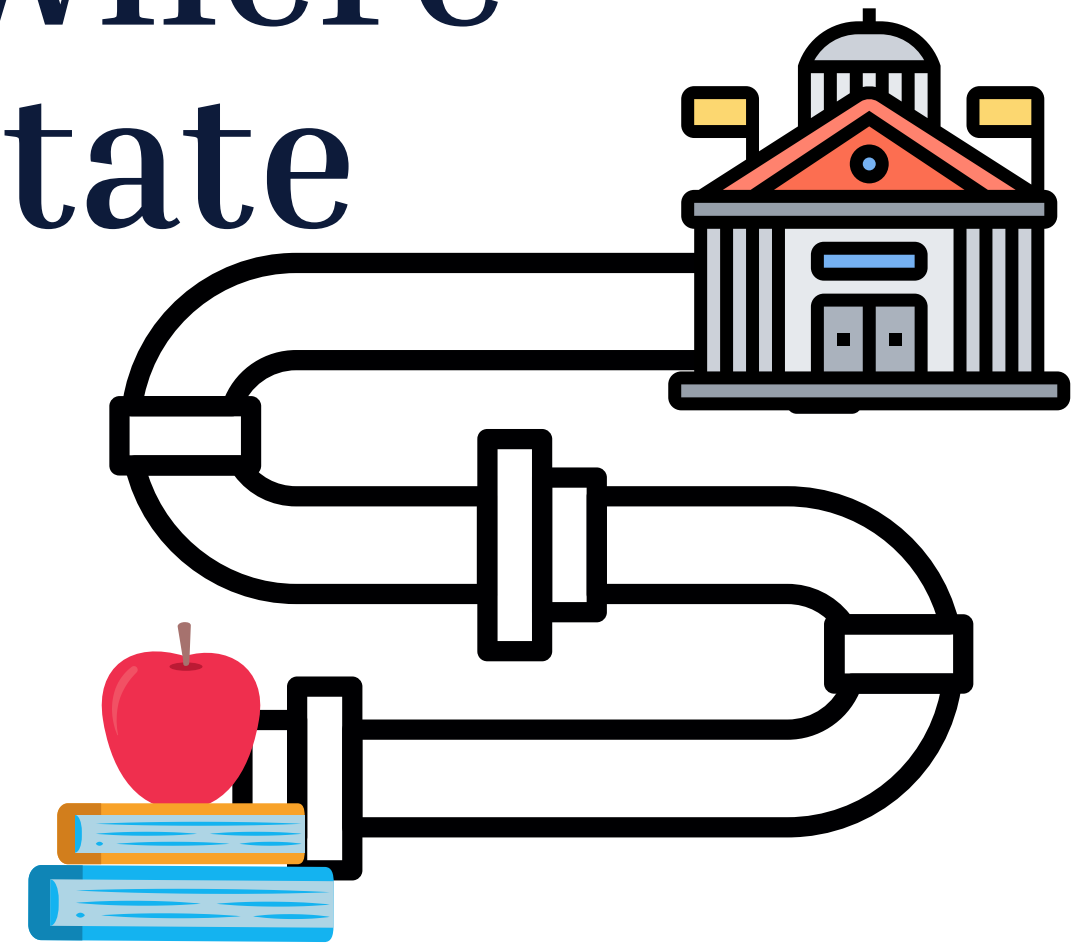
Extend the
“science of
reading” to
middle schools
to **improve
literacy.**

Expand **Postsecondary
Access & Workforce
Training.**

Hire more school nurses,
counselors, social workers,
and resource officers.



In light of the current state of education in North Carolina, what are the 2 most urgent areas where teachers need immediate state level support?



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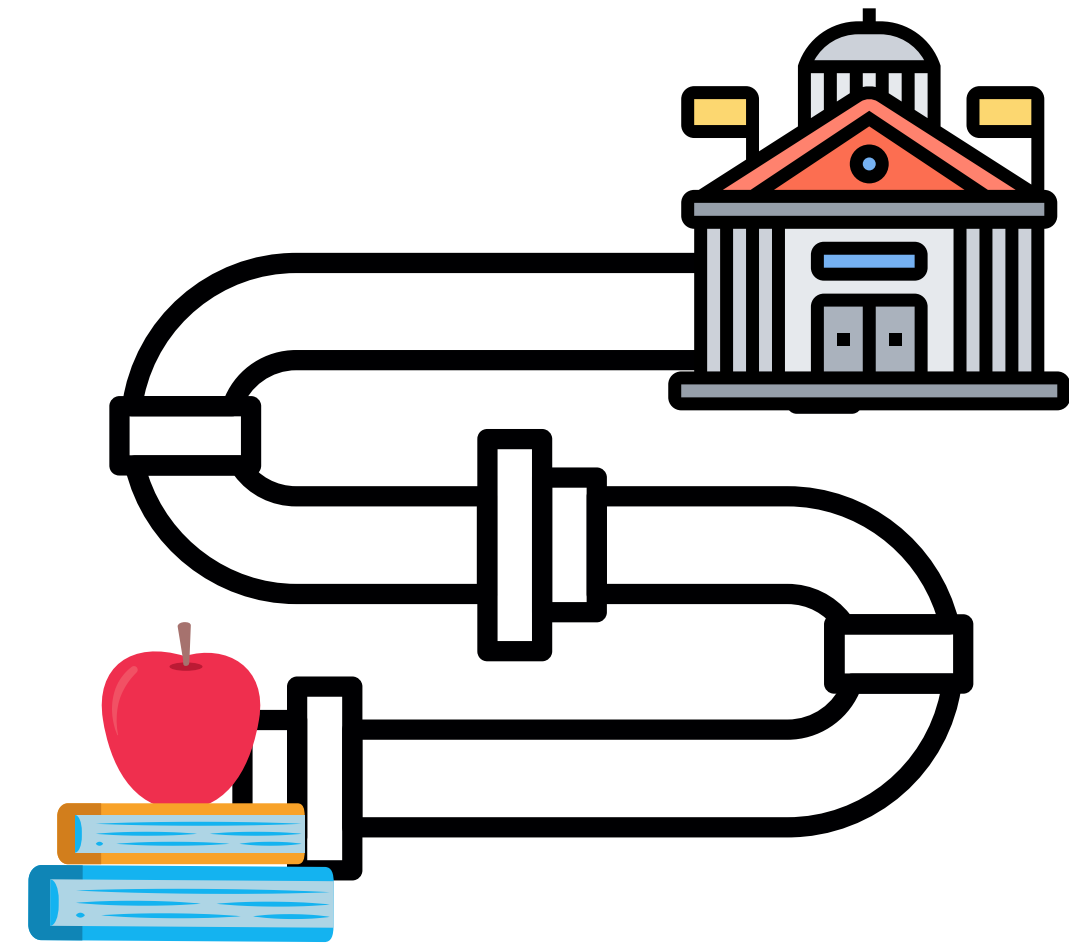
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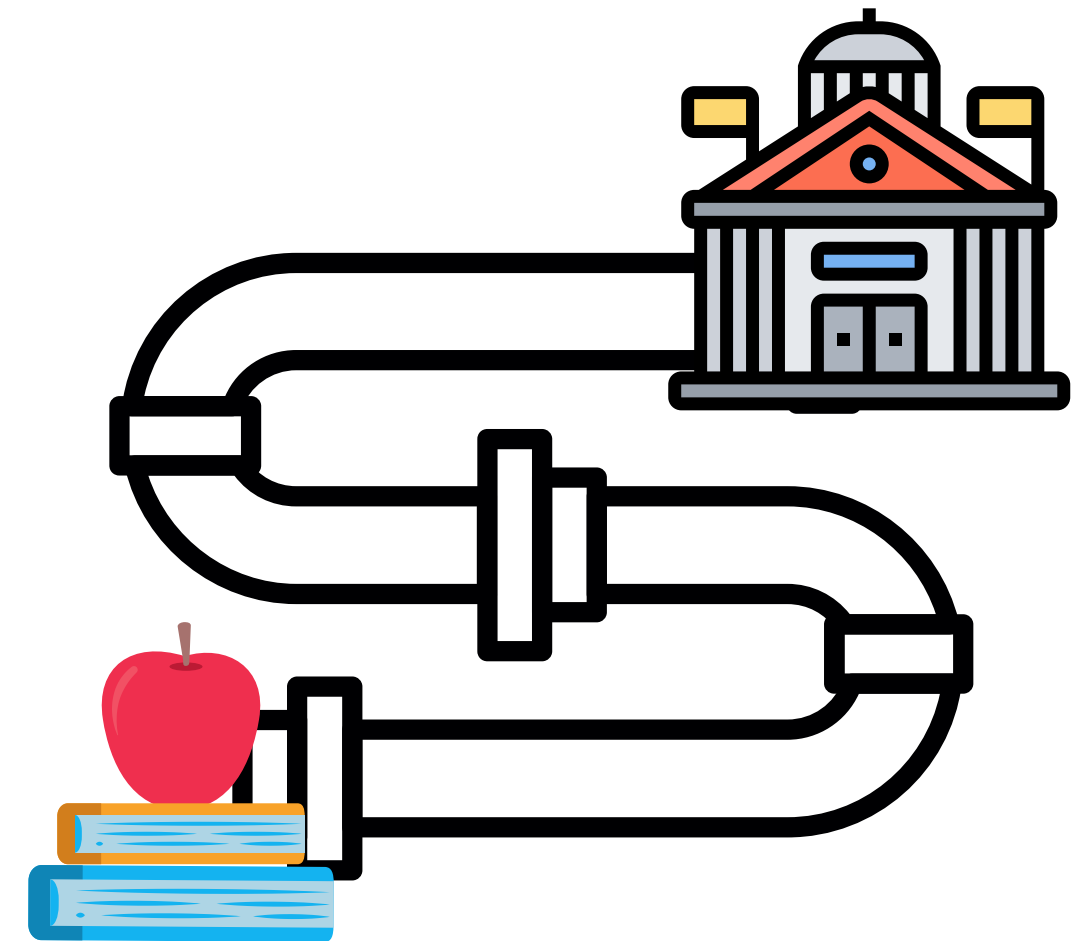
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Complete
Deliverable



EXAMPLE

Meeting	Focus Area	Goal
Meeting 1	Deep Dive into Priority #1	Gather stories, data, possible solutions
Meeting 2	Deep Dive into Priority #2	Develop recommendations with examples
Meeting 3	Synthesize + Finalize Deliverable	Co-author deliverable to Governor Stein





BREAK



GTAC ALUMN PANEL



PUBLIC COMMENT



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