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WSCA Calls for WCPSS to Move Forward, Endorses Heather Losurdo for Wake County School Board District 3

Wake Schools Community Alliance (WSCA) is endorsing Heather Losurdo in the November 8th runoff election for School Board.

October 11th demonstrated that a majority of District 3 voters reject Kevin Hill returning as their School Board representative. All three of Mr. Hill's opponents shared common platform values including:

- Using proximity as the number one priority for school assignment
- Focusing on educating our struggling students, instead of driving them around the county just to create an appearance of "healthy schools" while denying those same students the resources they need to be successful.
- Setting aside partisan and personal differences between board members, and finding consensus around the best solutions for our students.
- Advocating for the specific needs of District 3 schools, parents and students.

As our new District 3 School Board representative, Heather Losurdo will carry these values to push our school system forward. Mrs. Losurdo has consistently supported neighborhood schools, advocated for the use of EVAAS and other objective data-driven measurements to meet our educational challenges head-on and called for civility and consensus-building on our School Board.

Mr. Hill's record as the District 3 School Board representative is clear. In the short time Mr. Hill was Chairman of the School Board, the results were abominable:

- Falling graduation rates, bottoming out at 54.2% for disadvantaged students.
- 600 teachers fired, while protecting non-teaching administrators.
- 26,000 students reassigned.
- "Wacky Wednesday" PLT's were implemented, without regard to their impact on families.
- Mandatory Year Round schedules forced on thousands of families.

As stated by WSCA Steering Committee member Kristen Stocking, "Mr. Hill is steeped in 35 years of Wake County schools experience and is incapable of advocating for the reform desperately needed by those same schools. In the past two years he has steadfastly voted against progress concerning student math placement, fiscal re-prioritization to the classroom, and

most recently, adopting a family-friendly student assignment model. On October 18th, a bi-partisan coalition of School Board members approved a remarkable new assignment plan which empowers parents and optimizes resources. Mr. Hill was one of only two dissenters, citing his discomfort with a plan that did not have socio-economic busing as the top priority. Our children and our district deserve more than Mr. Hill's admitted 'stonewalling' of forward progress."

The choice for District 3 is simple: a vote for Kevin Hill represents a step back to the failures of the past. A vote for Heather Losurdo means continuing the bi-partisan forward progress of our School Board, focusing on innovation to educate kids instead of labeling them. We strongly endorse Heather Losurdo for School Board District 3, and encourage all of our members to support her campaign.

WSCA is a non-partisan organization of Wake County parents and taxpayers advocating for excellence in education and equity in assignment.

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