

**DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**A Resolution Calling Upon the US Government and President Obama to
Bring Our War Dollars Home and Reorder Our Priorities Now**

Whereas, the severity of the economic crisis has created budget shortfalls at all levels of government, and

Whereas, the US government has spent well over 1 trillion dollars on the wars and occupations in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001 with Durham's share being \$494.4 million, a sum that could cover the salaries of 14,711 school teachers, or 102,808 Head Start slots, or 143,142 Pell grants for students going to college, and

Whereas, over 6,024 US troops have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan and more than 40,000 wounded, with thousands more succumbing to trauma or suicide; and

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of civilian casualties in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan have generated social and political instability and civil conflicts that cannot be solved by ongoing military action; and


Whereas, funding for a constructive economy that sustains high level educational services for kindergarten through college, job growth, equal access to medical care, low cost housing, infrastructure repair, environmental protections, and family financing throughout North Carolina, especially in cities such as Durham, has been diverted to wars and military functions, and

Whereas, government leaders have responded to budget deficits, caused largely by war spending, by forcing reductions in funding for these essential public services, and

Whereas, 2010 census data shows that in North Carolina one out of every 4 children goes to bed hungry,

Be it resolved that the Durham Public Schools Board of Education calls upon the US government and President Obama to end the wars and military presence in Afghanistan and other areas of the world that have not attacked the US and reinvest those dollars in the future of our children.


Approved and adopted the 15th day of December 2011. We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Durham Public Schools Board of Education.




Minnie Forte-Brown, Chair



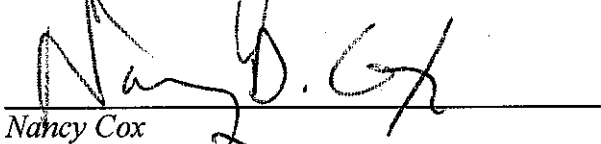
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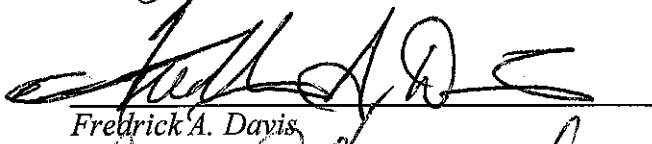
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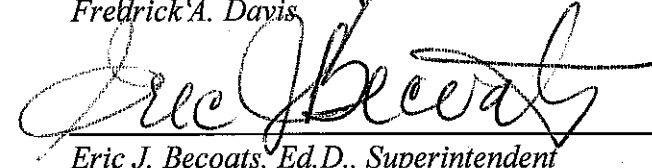
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