

## RESOLUTION HONORING RENEE F. PASCHAL FOR DEDICATION TO CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Mrs. Renee F. Paschal, County Manager for Chatham County, North Carolina, will retire effective October 1, 2018, after 30 years of dedicated public service, 25 of those years devoted specifically to Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Paschal has exhibited outstanding leadership and an unwavering commitment to the well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, she has helped cultivate a uniquely strong working relationship between the Chatham County Board of Education and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, her administration expanded partnerships between departments in county government, local municipalities and Chatham County Schools in order to share resources, expertise and operations to benefit those organizations and, ultimately, the citizens of Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Paschal's knowledge of school facilities led her to champion both improvements to and additions of infrastructure for safe and productive learning spaces in Chatham County Schools; and

WHEREAS, she has provided financial leadership by not only advocating for but also supporting funding of public schools by ensuring that budgetary needs were met during times when state and federal funds were in decline; and

WHEREAS, during Mrs. Paschal's tenure, two innovative joint-use facilities emerged, including a pioneering service center for school vehicles and government vehicles, and a recreation center for the school district and the greater Chatham County community; and

WHEREAS, during her time with the County Manager's Office, Mrs. Paschal has worked to secure funding for a wide range of Capital Improvement Program projects for the district, including the construction of four schools (Virginia Cross Elementary School, Margaret B. Pollard Middle School, Chatham Grove Elementary School, Seaforth High School) and a new Central Services Building; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Paschal helped facilitate funding for a number of instructional enhancements that served Chatham County Schools students, such as: restoring World Language to middle schools; expanding the district's 1:1 laptop program; increasing reading specialists throughout the district; increasing curriculum coach allotments at elementary, middle and K-8 schools; and earmarking additional positions to strengthen arts programming in the district; and

WHEREAS, she has come alongside the Chatham County Board of Education and leaders in the school system to garner funding for salary supplements that keep Chatham County Schools positioned to recruit on pace with competing school districts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education extends sincere and deeply grateful appreciation for the extraordinary public service of Mrs. Paschal. Her presence and impact will be missed by the Board, in particular, and by the citizens of Chatham County, in general. Her stewardship has enriched an untold number of students, employees, and families.

We honor Mrs. Paschal's well-earned retirement, sending our best wishes for her continued success, happiness and good health in the years to come.

This, the 10th day of September 2018.

APPROVED:

Jane Allen Wilson, Vice-Chair

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ATTEST:

Dr. Derrick D. Jordan Superintendent

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