



## **NORTH CAROLINA CAUCUS BLACK SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

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### **THE NORTH CAROLINA CAUCUS OF BLACK SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS (NCCBSBM) IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE GREATER DIVERSITY NEWS (GDN) "A CALL TO COLORS" VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN**

The North Carolina Black Caucus of Black School Board Members (NCCBSBM) stands on the firm belief that "Education is a Civil Right and the promise that every child has a constitutional right to a high quality education." In responding to today's unprecedented challenges relative to education issues, we further believe that "connecting the village" to raise a child will require a network of relationships and mutual support among groups, organizations and individuals to build leadership capacity and shared values. Therefore, we are delighted to endorse the collective efforts, goals and mission of GDN's "**A Call to Colors**" campaign to educate, organize and mobilize citizens across NC.

While examining the historical context of our roles as leaders and advocates for public education, the right for full participation in the American Dream through voter engagement and mobilization has never more crucial. This campaign, by activating the estimated 80,000 students on North Carolina college campuses, and in collaboration with other institutions, Divine Nine organizations and alumni associations, have made it clear that the future of a civically engaged and socially responsive community is imperative. Moreover, there is no time better than now, specifically in North Carolina, for like-minded organizations, community advocates, elected officials, and other grass-root organizations to align our priorities to promote social justice, civic education, community engagement and economic empowerment.

Organized in 1999, NCCBSBM brings a unique perspective and identity to the discussion of public education. In keeping with our mission to serve as a unified voice on educational issues, we are equally committed to a robust voter education, mobilization and civically engaged process. We further believe that representative government works best when there is an informed, engaged and active voting population. While we support the collaborative synergy of this movement across institutions and networks, we also recognize that we are at a precarious time in the history of our nation and state. Moving forward, NCCBSBM and other like-minded partners must continue to focus on methods and strategies that encourage civic education, improved educational outcomes and an effective community engagement process.

On behalf of the NC Caucus of Black School Board Members, we applaud your efforts and commitment to lead the way on this important initiative. By working together, we

can demonstrate that education is crucial to public trust and securing a promising future for all citizens...and our children.

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