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To Whom it May Concern,

The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners expresses support for the Buncombe County Board of Education's Resolution Supporting Calendar Flexibility. The current statewide school calendar law—establishing fixed start and end dates—limits the district's ability to manage instruction effectively and undermines student success.

As noted in the resolution adopted by the Buncombe County Board of Education, the mandated late-August start pushes first-semester exams into January, requires students to test after winter break, misaligns with college schedules, shortens preparation time for Advanced Placement exams, and contributes to documented learning loss, especially for low-income students.

For the reasons outlined in the resolution, we respectfully urge the General Assembly to restore local calendar control so Buncombe County Schools can better support students, families, and educators.

Thank you,

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Chair, Board of Commissioners

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