

## **“ALL Schools – ALL Children”**

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### **Hill Announces Run for Reelection in District 3 Board of Education Race**

He was first elected to the Wake County Board of Education in October 2007 and is currently an adjunct instructor of education at NC State University's College of Education. Hill served as vice-chair from June 2008 through June 2009, and chair from June 2009 through December 2009.

“I believe now, more than ever, that our Wake County Board of Education needs strong, progressive, and experienced leadership to help take our school system and our students to new levels of achievement,” said Hill, whose background as a teacher and principal in the Wake County Public School System is well known, as are his advocacy for a quality school system and a quality education for all students.

Kevin's top priority for the Wake County Public Schools is to do everything possible to challenge every student at every school in our system. As a Board of Education member, he believes that ensuring strong academic achievement for all children at all schools begins with strong academically-focused leadership, policies, and practices that reflect this commitment.

With the current movement to develop a new student assignment plan, much is at stake for our students and parents, not to mention Wake County as a whole. Kevin's goal is to continue to provide leadership and balanced perspective on the Board of Education. While the new assignment plan is finalized and implemented, he will work to ensure that the new plan is implemented with fidelity and a true commitment to achievement.

*“It is important to develop a plan that respects parents' wishes for their children, while also using our limited facilities and resources to their best potential.” says Kevin. He continues, “the resulting plan must be transparent and free from politically-motivated controls so that all families are treated fairly in the process.”*

Developing a new student assignment plan is but one of the many critical tasks the Board of Education faces. Kevin will work to refocus Board efforts to support identifying research driven staff development for teachers and to seek needed funding to ensure equitable program offerings throughout Wake County. Finally, he will work diligently to protect and increase needed funding for schools in District 3.

Serving on the Board of Education requires the ability to understand complex issues that balance the needs of all citizens in Wake County including students, parents, taxpayers, business owners, and other community organizations. Kevin is keenly aware that nearly 70% of the citizens in Wake County do not have children in the public school system. He feels that it is important to understand that our schools benefit everyone in Wake County, not simply the students and parents who attend them.

Kevin is passionate about preserving our education budget, which has been declining (on a per pupil basis) from both state and local sources, for several years. We currently have amongst the lowest per pupil spending in the state and country. He believes that, even in difficult times, we must remember that investing in education will drive the long-term economic engine of Wake County, not to mention the future possibilities for our children currently in our schools.

Kevin believes that the key to making complex decisions is in seeking community input as part of the process, including public comment at Board meetings and public hearings, PTA/PTSA concerns, input from teachers and administrators, and finally, through outreach efforts to our underrepresented students and parents. While taking all concerns into consideration, final decisions must be data-driven, transparent, and with the needs of the school system in mind. For Kevin, making decisions based on facts and evidence increase the likelihood that our schools are efficiently run and ultimately create financial benefits for everyone in Wake County as a result of a greater return on our investment in education.

As a lifelong educator and resident of Wake County since 1966, Kevin values the importance of education. He reminds us that third graders like Julia, Mike, Juan, and Michele don't care or even know what a Democrat or Republican is. They don't even know that they should be guaranteed a quality education.

**Kevin Hill promises to represent and advocate for “All children in All schools!”**