



## NC ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

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March 18, 2008

Chairman Howard N. Lee  
State Board of Education  
6302 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-6302

Dear Chairman Lee:

The North Carolina Association of School Administrators (NCASA) has been integrally involved with the Blue Ribbon Commission on Testing and Accountability, chaired by Dr. Sam Houston. Many of the original recommendations came from our membership (superintendents and principals); several of our members served on the Commission; some of our members were asked to speak to the Commission, including our Executive Director, Bill McNeal; and, two of our affiliates (North Carolina School Superintendents Association and the North Carolina Principal and Assistant Principals Association) wrote letters of endorsement for all the recommendations.

Members of NCASA (12 Affiliates -7,000 members) have expressed numerous concerns about our Testing and Accountability Program and have worked to be a part of the solution. We understand the value of testing and support accountability; our efforts have been to ensure that we not lose sight of improving the teaching and learning process. Therefore, we were pleased with the appointment and subsequent recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Testing and Accountability. At its meeting on March 12, 2008, the NCASA Board of Directors unanimously endorsed the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Testing and Accountability. We request that the State Board of Education endorse and implement the recommendations immediately. The students, teachers and administrators eagerly await these positive changes.

Your immediate consideration and support are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bill McNeal  
Executive Director

Jeff McDaris  
President