



# From the Desk of **Representative**

*Erin Paré*

**District 37**

**Proudly Serving Southern Wake County!**

**January 26, 2024**

Happy New Year!

Thank you for reading my newsletter for legislative updates and District 37 news.

Since the start of the year, I have been very busy with a number of issues ranging from meeting with families of Israeli hostages to addressing substance abuse in our community.

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed to several interim committees in the short session.

It continues to be my absolute honor and privilege to serve the people of District 37 in the North Carolina House.

*-Representative Erin Paré*

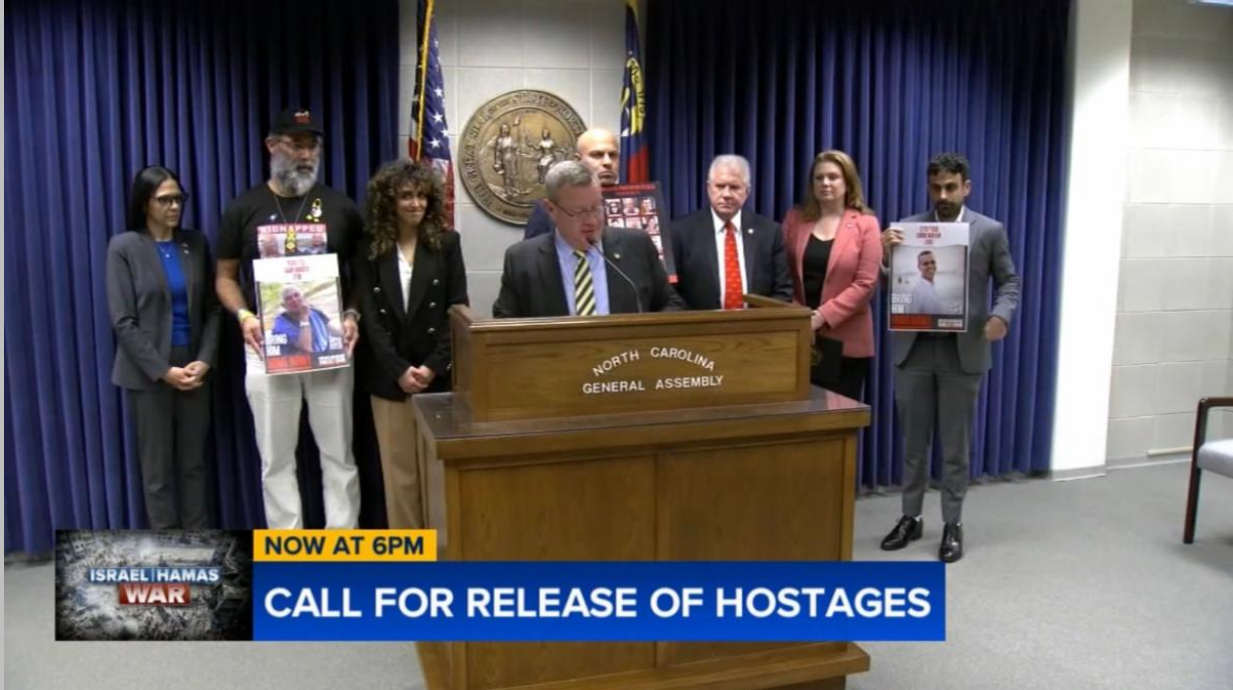


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**Rep. Paré Met with Families of Israeli  
Hostages at the General Assembly**





The families of hostages who are still being held by Hamas in Gaza came to the General Assembly and shared with several lawmakers, including Rep. Paré, powerful and emotional testimony about their loved ones' capture.

"We must continue to advocate as strongly as possible for the release of the hostages and stand firmly behind our ally Israel as the fight for justice continues." Rep. Paré declared.

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**Paré Named 2023 Defender of Public Safety**

**REPRESENTATIVE**

**ERIN PARÉ**

**2023**

**DEFENDER OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY**

**NORTH CAROLINA  
SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION**



Rep. Paré is honored to be named a 2023 Defender of Public Safety by the NC Sheriffs Association.

"I am committed to supporting our law enforcement and serving as a key dependable ally in the General Assembly. They deserve nothing more than our support, and it is important to me that they receive that support." Paré said.



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January 3, 2024

Representative Erin Paré  
NC House of Representatives  
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Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Re: 2023 Defender of Public Safety Award

Dear Representative Paré,

On behalf of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, we offer our heartfelt thanks to you for your dedication to learning about, understanding and supporting critical law enforcement issues during the 2023 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

For your leadership and support of the Association's position on legislative bills and issues of importance to the sheriffs of North Carolina and to the citizens of our great State, the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association recognizes you as a:

**2023 Defender of Public Safety**

During the 2023 legislative session, the General Assembly considered numerous issues that had a direct impact on the Office of Sheriff, law enforcement and public safety in North Carolina. We appreciate your commitment to these important issues and for taking a leadership role in advancing the position of law enforcement on issues that impact your constituents and the State. As a result of your leadership, North Carolina's sheriffs are better equipped to keep North Carolina citizens safe.

Again, thank you for your leadership and for standing with the sheriffs of North Carolina on important legislation. We look forward to working with you during the upcoming 2024 Session to continue keeping North Carolina safe and strong.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Darren Campbell  
Sheriff of Iredell County  
President, North Carolina Sheriffs' Association

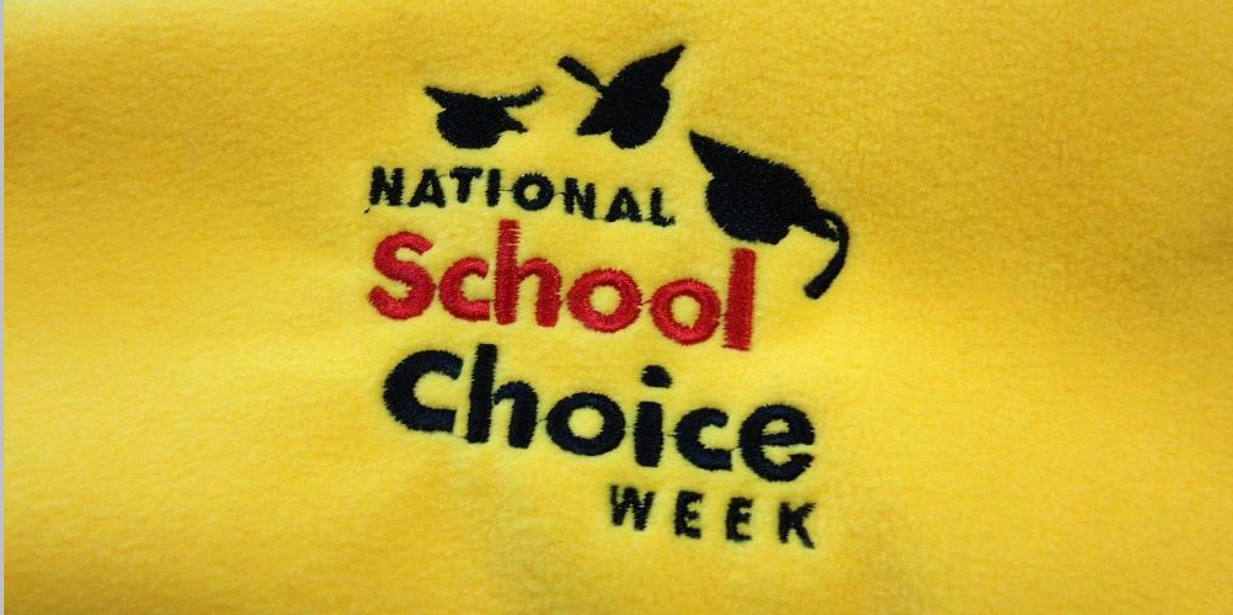
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The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association is a Non-Profit, tax exempt organization recognized by the I.R.S.

**School Choice Week**  
**January 21 - 27, 2024**



As National School Choice Week wraps up, Rep Paré recognizes and celebrates the significant legislation passed by the General Assembly this session to expand school choice in North Carolina.

Rep. Paré stated on social media, "Every child is unique and should be able to pursue the education setting that is best for them. For Wayne and I, traditional public school is our choice for our two children. School choice leads to better education outcomes overall, which is why NC parents overwhelmingly support school choice policies."

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## Press Release: Interim Committee Appointments



**NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OFFICE OF REP. ERIN PARÉ  
DISTRICT 37 – WAKE COUNTY**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
January 22, 2023

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### **Rep. Erin Paré Appointed to Interim Subcommittees**

**Raleigh, NC-** Speaker Tim Moore announced Rep. Erin Paré (R-Wake) has been appointed to serve on the following interim committee assignments:

- **Vice Chair of House Select Committee on Substance Abuse**
- **Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations**
- **Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee**
- **Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services**

**“Sadly, substance abuse impacts many in our state and I am honored to serve as vice chair of this Committee,”** said Rep. Paré. **“I will work diligently with my colleagues to look into possible solutions to help those struggling with addiction and their families.”**

The interim subcommittees will investigate a wide array of issues that are impacting the citizens of North Carolina. These subcommittees will also brainstorm and discuss possible legislation to address issues they see within their respective areas.

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**Paré Appointed Vice Chair for the House  
Select Committee on Substance Abuse**



Office of the Speaker  
North Carolina House of Representatives

TIM MOORE  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE TO THE HONORABLE  
MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Section 1.** The House Select Committee on Education Reform (hereinafter "Committee") is established by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to Rule 26(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 2023 General Assembly.

**Section 2.** The Committee consists of twelve members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The membership of the Committee shall include legislators as specified below. Members serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives may dissolve the Committee at any time. Vacancies are filled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. A Chair, Vice Chair, or other member of the Committee continues to serve until a successor is appointed.

Co-Chair Stephen Ross	Representative Zack Hawkins
Vice Chair Erin Paré	Representative Renee Price
Representative Frank Sossamon	Representative Amber Baker
Representative Wayne Sasser	Representative Mary Belk
Representative Donna McDowell White	Representative Carla Cunningham
Representative Kristin Baker, MD	
Representative Reece Pyrtle	

**Section 3.** The Committee shall meet upon the call of the Chair. A quorum of the Committee shall be a majority of its members. No action may be taken except by majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

**Section 4.** The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and Article 5A of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services, as provided by G.S. 120 -32.02.

**Section 5.** Members of the Committee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1



**Section 6.** The expenses of the Committee including per diem, subsistence, travel allowances for Committee members, and contracts for professional or consultant services shall be paid upon the written approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-32.02(c) and G.S. 120-35 from funds available to the House of Representatives for its operations.

**Section 7.** The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist the Committee in its work. The Director of Legislative Assistants of the House of Representatives shall assign clerical support staff to the Committee.

**Section 8.** All meetings planned outside of Raleigh must be approved in advance by the Speaker's office. Once approved, the Committee may meet at various locations around the State to promote greater public participation in its deliberations.

**Section 9.** The Committee shall submit report on the results of its study, including any proposed legislation, to the members of the General Assembly on or before April 1, 2024, by filing a copy of the report to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Legislative Library. The Select Committee shall terminate on April 1st, 2024, by filing its final report, or by dissolution by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, whichever occurs first.

Effective this 28th day of December 2023.



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Tim Moore  
Speaker

Rep. Paré said, "We do have a problem. Open border policies are a disaster and have made every state a border state. I look forward to working on a solution to curb the growing problem of substance abuse in NC as Vice Chair of the House Select Committee on Substance Abuse. We must save our kids."

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## Meetings with Local Officials on Substance Abuse, Public Safety, and Education

Rep. Paré tweeted about a series of meetings with local officials in preparation for the 2024 short session in the General Assembly.



**Erin Paré** ✓

@ErinforNC



Update 📖 Today I had the pleasure of having Representative Steve Ross (R-Alamance) join me in @ToHollySprings for a discussion with Holly Springs @MayorMayefskie , Apex @MayorJacques and Fuquay-Varina Mayor Blake Massengill, and the Holly Springs, Fuquay-Varina and Apex Police Departments including Chief Medina and Chief Liquorie, to discuss substance abuse challenges impacting our youth, our communities, and our families.

I learned a lot and look forward to incorporating this information in to the work of the House Select Committee on Substance Abuse this spring. This is a significant issue that is unfortunately getting worse. We must address this growing problem and save our kids. 1/3 #ncpol



**Erin Paré** ✓

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Last week I had an outstanding meeting with Wake County Sheriff Willie Rowe. What a great person. My friend Donnie Harrison always had positive things to say about Sheriff Rowe and I can see why. It was helpful that Sheriff Rowe engaged his key team members for this meeting on the issue of substance abuse and access to illegal drugs, and other legally obtainable dangerous substances, by our youth in Wake. I look forward to building on this meeting and collaborating with Sheriff Rowe's office on legislative solutions that lead to positive outcomes. 2/3



**Erin Paré** ✓

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In addition, this week I had a terrific meeting with Dr. Robert Taylor, our new Superintendent of [@WCPSS](#). My friend [@CTruittNCDPI](#) has had very nice things to say about Dr. Taylor, and again, I see why. Very positive and productive meeting. We talked about working together on shared priorities that benefit Wake schools including strengthening school safety and security, being innovative about workforce preparation opportunities for students, and increased access to STEM learning. Working together on these initiatives, among other issues, will lead to better outcomes for students, families, and the district.

We have a lot of work to do, and I am looking forward to more legislative solutions to big problems and creating more positive outcomes for families. [#ncpol](#) [#ncga](#)

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## YMCA Check Presentation



Rep. Paré visited the Alexander Family YMCA to present state funds for the Alexander Jones Wright Youth Center and programs. She is proud of the work the General Assembly is doing to support at-risk youth.

## NC STEM Access Working Group



Rep. Paré traveled to Concord, NC, on January 19th to co-lead a working group organized by the Hunt Institute, to explore increasing access to STEM education in North Carolina and find innovative ways of educating our youth with the skills needed to succeed in the current and future workforce.

According to Rep. Paré, "Fascinating material presented and many takeaways to continue our policy work. I appreciate the bipartisan approach to this important topic."

She has been a leader of this working group along with Sen. Galey, Rep. Lofton, and Sen. Chaudhuri.

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## CPAC Legislative Award



# AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT



REP. ERIN PARÉ



The CPAC Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability released its [Ratings/Awards for North Carolina](#) legislators based on the 2023 legislative session. Rep. Paré was given an award for Conservative Achievement.

Rep. Paré said about the CPAC Awards, "The consistent conservative approach to public policy by NC lawmakers has made NC a destination state to live, work and raise a family, and has propelled North Carolina to the top spot in the nation for business. I am very proud to receive the CPAC Award for Conservative Achievement and look forward to building on my common-sense conservative record."

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**NEW YEAR**

**NEW**



**TAX CUT**



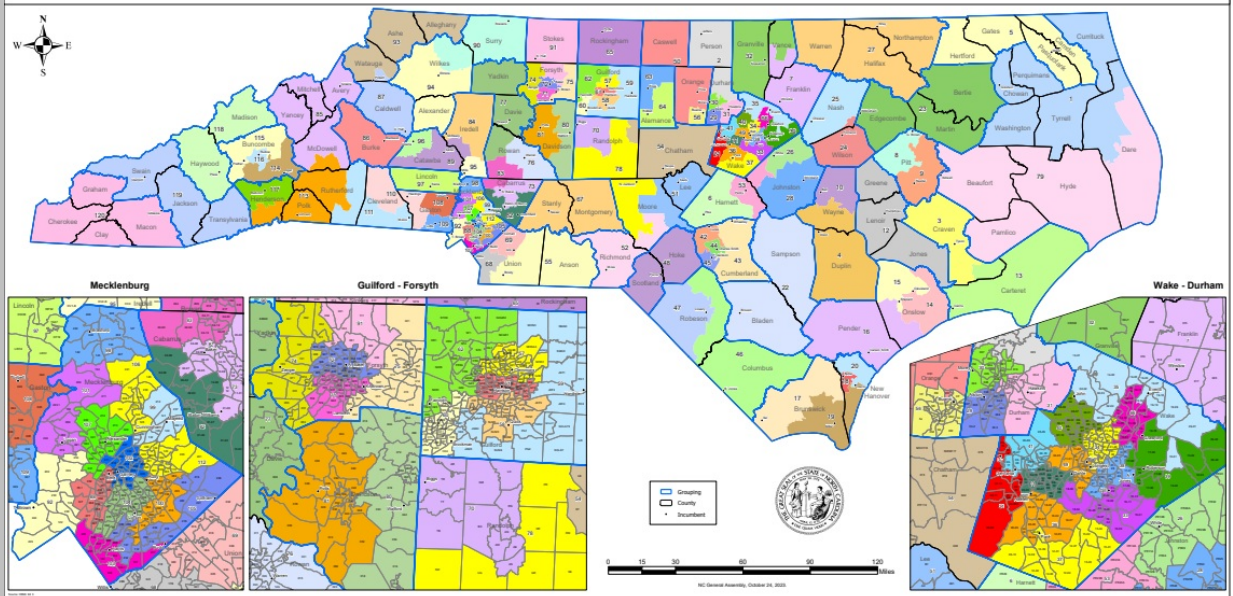
This year, taxpayers will be able to keep more of their hard-earned money. North Carolina's income tax rate will now fall to 4.50%, eventually dropping to 3.99% in 2026.

According to Rep. Paré, "I'm proud of our continued efforts in North Carolina to responsibly cut taxes for hardworking families."

Read more [here](#).

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**2024 House, Senate and Congressional  
District Maps**



[HB 898](#): House Redistricting Plan 2023/H898 Ed 2. (above).

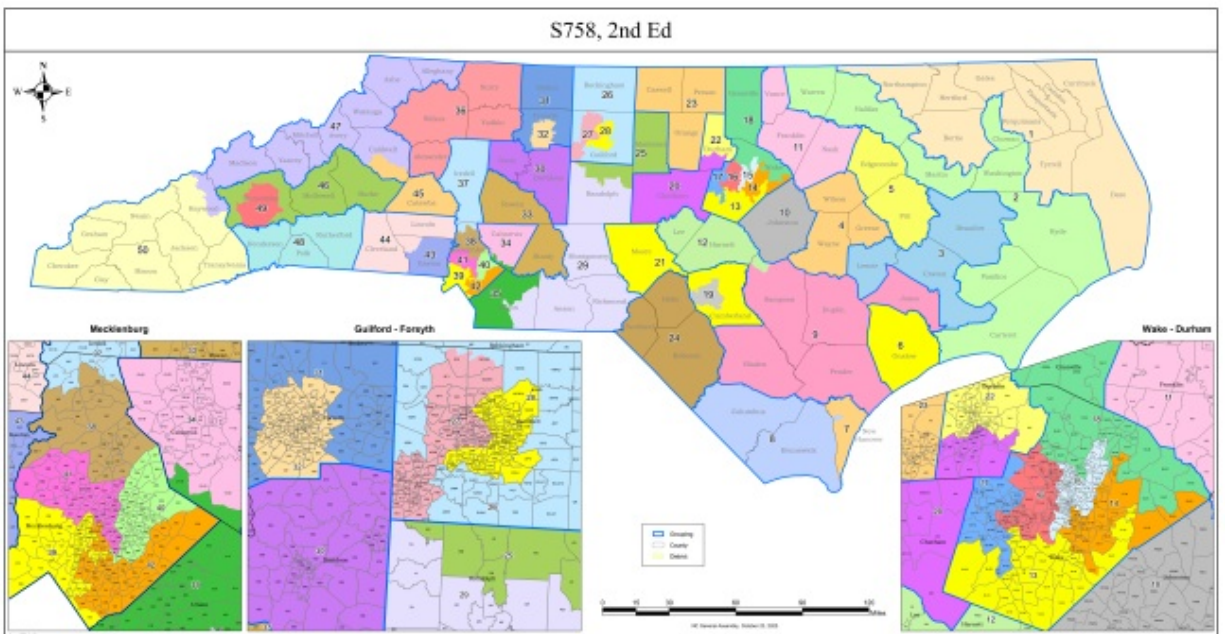
[SB 758](#): Realign NC Senate Districts 2023/SB758,2 Ed.

[SB 757](#): Realign Congressional Districts 2023/CST-4.

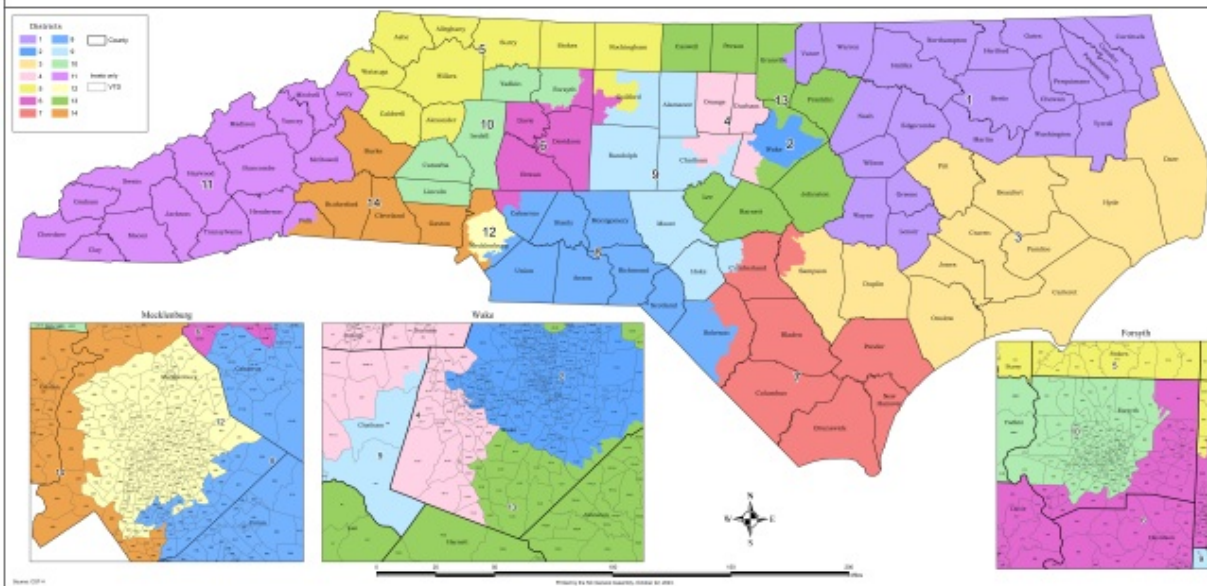
To drill down to precinct levels, please click the links above, and click on "19 x 36 Map."

Click [here](#) to check your 2024 voting districts by name.

Click [here](#) to check your current and 2024 districts by address .







## High School Student Opportunity

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NCLEG.GOV/YLA**



## News Clips

[NC celebrates National School Choice Week - www.carolinajournal.com](http://www.carolinajournal.com)

[As School Choice Week arrives, much has changed in the last year- The Center Square](#)

[New NC tech program tries to spark transformation in preparing teens for careers – WFAE](#)

[Bank of America Stadium hosts first High School Esports Regional Tournament in North Carolina - \[www.wbtv.com\]\(http://www.wbtv.com\)](#)

[NC ranked ninth best state to start a business- \[www.carolinajournal.com\]\(http://www.carolinajournal.com\)](#)

[North Carolina named second best state for women business owners - Triad Business Journal](#)

[Forecast for Legislature's short session is ... short! – The Center Square](#)

[2023 broke record for train travel in North Carolina- \[www.wsocvtv.com\]\(http://www.wsocvtv.com\)](#)

[The Rise of Microschooling and Educational Innovation in America – Avery Journal Times](#)

[Public schools provided guidance on using artificial intelligence– The Center Square](#)

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