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Statement from the Alamance Branch of the NAACP on Vacant Board of Education Position

BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA - The Alamance Branch of the NAACP is deeply concerned about the prolonged vacancy in the Board of Education position in our community. It has come to our attention that the current Board of Education members have not taken appropriate action to fill the vacant position, leaving the community without fair representation and denying us our right to be heard.

It is disheartening to learn that the current plan appears to be to delay filling the vacancy until after the November 2024 election, potentially leaving the seat unfilled for an additional 15 months. This prolonged period of inaction raises serious questions about the commitment of the Board to fulfill its statutory duty and serve the best interests of our community's students and families.

We firmly believe that the Board of Education has a critical responsibility to ensure that all members of our community are adequately represented and have their voices heard. By failing to appoint a board member representative of our diverse community, the Board is denying us the opportunity to have a say in the decisions that will impact our children's education and future.

The Alamance Branch of the NAACP calls upon the Board of Education to immediately take action to fill the vacant position with a qualified and representative candidate. We urge the Board to engage in a transparent and inclusive process that allows community members to provide input and feedback on the selection of the new board member.

Education is the cornerstone of a just and equitable society, and it is essential that our Board of Education reflects the diversity and values of our community. We expect our elected officials to uphold their responsibilities and fulfill their duties with diligence and integrity. By appointing a

qualified representative now, the Board can demonstrate its commitment to fair representation and begin to rebuild the trust of the community it serves.

We are ready to work collaboratively with the Board of Education to identify and appoint a candidate who understands the unique needs and challenges facing our community's students. Together, we can pave the way for a brighter and more inclusive educational future.

We look forward to a prompt and decisive response from the Board of Education to address this critical matter. Our community deserves no less than equitable and responsible representation on the Board.

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