

North Carolina Legislative Issues White Paper
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
International Society for Key Women Educators
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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) is an honorary, non-partisan professional society of women educators. The Society promotes professional and personal growth of its members and excellence in education. North Carolina's state organization of DKG (Eta State) currently has approximately 4,000 members across the state.

This fall the Eta State Educational Law and Policy Committee conducted a statewide survey of members' opinions, ranking educational issues from "imperative" to "not important". The following are the results of that survey. We ask for your serious consideration of the following issues:

- **Increase salaries for all educators with the goal of reaching the national average.**
Members identifying this issue as imperative or very important: 90.2%
- **Make sure that any new law whose implementation costs money has sufficient funding to allow local school boards to put it in place. Unfunded mandates are problematic.**
Members identifying this issue as imperative or very important: 87.5%
- **Retain and improve education health and retirement benefits to attract highly qualified professionals.**
Members identifying this issue as imperative or very important: 87.4%
- **Increase per pupil expenditures to the national average.**
Members identifying this issue as imperative or very important: 86.8%
- **Hold all schools (public, private, and charter) who receive state tax dollars equally accountable.**
Members identifying this issue as imperative or very important: 85.8%
- **When developing any system of teacher evaluation using state test scores, give student growth as much weight as raw test scores**
Members identifying this issue as imperative or very important: 83.8%
- **Reduce the amount of testing and assessment in K-12 schools.**
Members identifying this issue as imperative or very important: 82.1%
- **Eliminate the allocation of public funds for private school vouchers.**
Members identifying this issue as imperative or very important: 74.8%

Members who voted in the November 2016 General Election: 99.5%
Members who voted in the November 2018 Midterm Election: 94.7%