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PUBLIC SCHOOLS FIRST NC COMMENDS SCHOOL VOUCHER RULING

Historic decision for the children of North Carolina

Raleigh, NC—August 21, 2014— Public Schools First NC commends today's school voucher program ruling that immediately ends the transfer of millions of public education dollars to fund unaccountable private schools.

"We are so grateful that today's ruling by Judge Hobgood restores the constitutional promise that all children receive a sound, basic education within the public school system," said Yevonne Brannon, chair, Public Schools First NC. "This upholds North Carolina's long-standing commitment to public education—public education creates productive citizens, a strong economy, and a great democracy."

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About Public Schools First NC:

Public Schools First NC (PSFNC) is a statewide, nonpartisan organization focused solely on public education issues. We collaborate with teachers, parents, business and civic leaders, students and communities across North Carolina in support of an effective public education system that will prepare each child for life. To learn more or to join our organization, please visit: <u>publicschoolsfirstnc.org</u>. Follow us on Twitter: @PS1NC.