BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION Resolution

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §115C-47, the Beaufort County Board of Education (the "School Board") is empowered and has the duty to provide students with the opportunity to receive a sound basic education and to make all policy decisions with that objective in mind; and

WHEREAS, policies are the primary means by which the School Board expresses its vision for the school district. In formulating specific policies, the School Board is guided by its duty to provide students with the opportunity to receive a sound basic education and is further guided by governing principles it considers critical to meet that obligation by providing a system of excellent schools where students can succeed; and

WHEREAS, all Beaufort County Schools students must meet the North Carolina Future-Ready Course of Study (FRC) requirements to earn a diploma and graduate which ensures a student is prepared for enrollment, enlistment, and/or employment for life after high school; and

WHEREAS, the NC Department of Public Instruction adopts content standards while local school boards adopt curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County School system including the teachers, administrators and all school employees are a dynamic educational team in partnership with our entire community, to prepare all students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become successful, responsible, contributing citizens by providing a caring, disciplined, world class learning environment, which challenges students and staff to perform to their potential in a changing, competitive world; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Board of Education believes that teachers, staff, and administrators have been recently unfairly criticized; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Board of Education recognizes the importance of the parent's primary role in their child's development as detailed in the General Assembly of North Carolina Parents' Bill of Rights – Senate Bill 49 Session Law 2023-106; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Board of Education provides each student educational opportunities that respect the dignity of others, acknowledge the right of others to express differing opinions, and foster and defend intellectual honesty, freedom of inquiry and instruction, and freedom of speech and association; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Board of Education recognizes and promotes the equality and rights of all persons as found in the North Carolina Constitution and United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Beaufort County Board of Education to uphold the laws of the land and specifically encourage the Beaufort County students to learn that all persons are created equally, that no race or sex is inherently superior to another and that no individual by virtue of his or her race or sex is inherently racist. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by vote of the members of the Beaufort County Board of Education that we value and hold strong support for our teachers, staff, and administrators as they continue to provide significant influence and impact on the students of Beaufort County.

(SEAL)

ADOPTED this 16th day of January 2024:

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

TW Allen, Board Chair