
It's (gonna be) MAY!

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MAY: Transition from Phase 1 to Phase 2

Welcome to the last full month of school and the last full month of the spring budget campaign! **Guilford's schools need Guilford's help!**

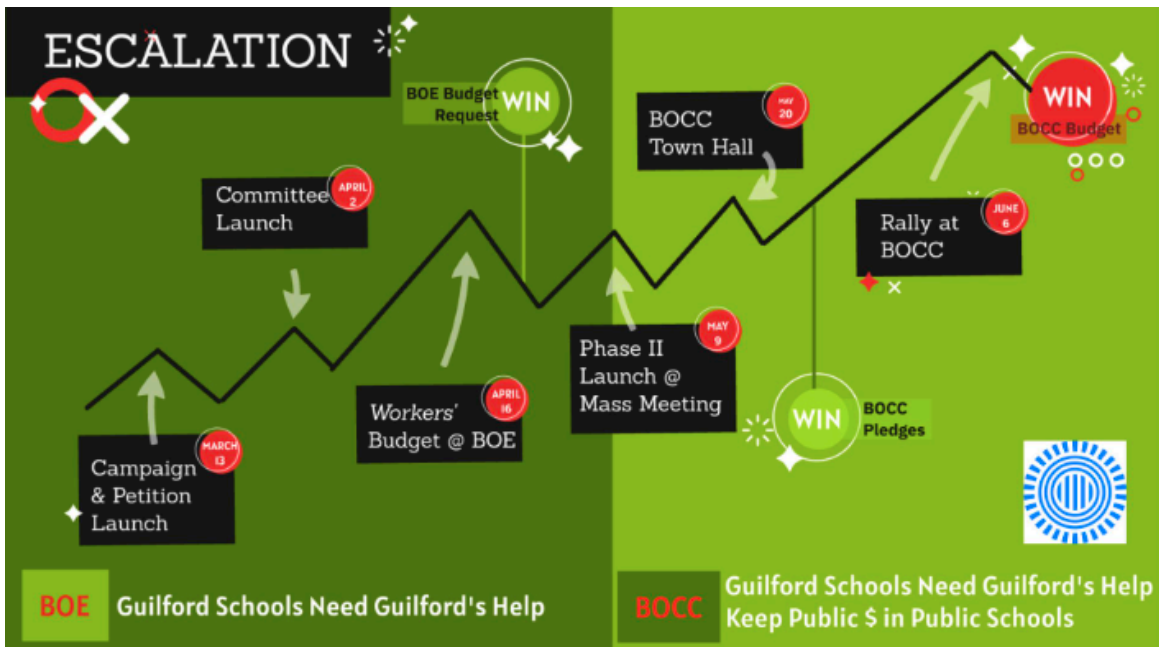
During Phase 1 of our campaign, we focused on the Board of Education and delivered a [2300-signature petition](#) listing our demands. With 3 of 4 of our demands listed explicitly in the superintendent's budget proposal, it's time to wrap up our Board of Education focus and move towards the Board of County Commissioners.



Remember: Our victories so far are in the *superintendent's presented budget*. To make these changes real, we still need to make sure the Board of Education votes to request these funds AND THEN the Board of County Commissioners actually fully funds the GCS request!

Now that we've delivered a **powerful** petition and **won the first big step** toward getting our demands, it's time to put some pressure on the Board of Education and Board of County Commissioners to do their part! Here's how:

1. PLAN TO ATTEND THE **MAY 7 BUDGET HEARING**, AND SHARE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE BUDGET PROPOSAL.
2. COME TO THE **GCAE MAY MASS MEETING** TO LAUNCH PHASE 2 OF THE BUDGET CAMPAIGN! RSVP: <http://bit.ly/GCAEmass5-9-24>
3. SAVE THE DATE OF **MAY 20 FOR MO' MONEY MONDAY** WITH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.



Plug in and Build YOUR Union!

It's going to take all of us to face the attacks being leveled against our public schools. Join the fight today!

May 7, 6:00 PM

Board of Education Budget Public Hearing

Register

GCS Board Room Wear red, and give your comments on the budget proposal.

<https://bit.ly/GCAEboe5-7-24>

May 9, 5:30-7:30 PM

GCAE Mass Meeting & Phase 2 Campaign Launch

Register

Smith High School

Join your coworkers to build power and WIN the schools we and our students need and deserve.

<http://bit.ly/GCAEmass5-9-24>

May 20, 6:00-7:30 PM

Mo' Money Monday with our Board of County Commissioners

Save the date! GCAE is inviting our commissioners to come tell *us* about their plan to fund our schools.

Registration coming soon.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

During our Membership Blitz last week, 35 new members joined GCAE from Northeast Middle, Brightwood Elementary, CJ Greene, Cone Elementary, Southeast High, Eastern High, Kiser Middle, Northern High, Dudley High, Southwest Middle, and Union Hill Elementary! Welcome to our new members!!! We are building towards a strike-ready majority union, and our goal is to recruit 100 new members by the end of the campaign. Since our launch on March 14, 60 new members have joined, so we need 40 more during the month of May. [Join today!](#) (It's Early Enrollment season, so members who join between now and August won't pay member dues until September!)

Ratification Vote for Constitutional Amendments

The GCAE Executive Board has proposed amendments to the GCAE Constitution, last amended and ratified in 2009. Members may view all proposed amendments here:

<https://bit.ly/GCAEamend2024>

The ratification vote is NOW OPEN until May 16, 2024. [VOTE HERE.](#)

NEA Representative Assembly

A total of [10 delegates](#) from GCAE will be representing our members at the NEA Representative Assembly on July 3-7 in Philadelphia. Delegates will be debating and voting on the business of our union at the convention. Delegates may also be reaching out to you for PAC donations as we gear up for the 2024 election. Thank you, delegates!

Ways to Plug In with NCAE & NEA:

GCAE is the local affiliate of our state union, NCAE, and our national union, NEA. The following opportunities are available for all GCAE members ready to learn one more thing, take one more step, or dig just a little bit deeper.

- **Advocacy Center Training: Educator Rights**
 - Thursday, May 2, 6:00-7:00 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/618434>
 - **NCAE Local Strength Cohort Meeting**
 - Monday, May 6, 6:00-8:00 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://link.ncae.org/Local-Strength-Cohort>
 - **NCAE Building Leader Training: Visioning and Preparing for '24-'25**
 - Monday, May 13, 6:00-8:00 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://link.ncae.org/Building-Leaders-2024>
 - **NEA Member Benefits Information Session**
 - Tuesday, May 14, 6:00-7:00 PM, virtual
 - Register: <http://link.ncae.org/Benefits>
 - **NCAE's From Bills to Advocacy: NCAE's Legislative Update and Advocacy Skills Trainings**
 - Wednesday, May 15, 6:00-7:15 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/572162/>
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