LEANDRO on the BALLOT

How voting can ensure the education rights of North Carolina children.

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The *Leandro v. State* court decision demands all schools deliver the education standard guaranteed by the state constitution.

➤ **The Leandro Plan** shows **HOW** to meet the education standard by addressing the public school system's critical needs.

ELECTIONS MATTER for the school improvements promised by the Leandro Plan:

◆ Elected officials are the ones responsible for creating and carrying out much of the policy that governs public school operations.

◆ The Leandro Plan's funding and equity guidelines can only help students if office holders are committed to serving North Carolina children.

The following offices are critical for Leandro compliance:

STATE

☑ **GOVERNOR**
Appoints several members of the State Board of Education.

☑ **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**
Sits on the State Board of Education, President of the NC Senate, so may cast tiebreaking votes.

☑ **SUPERINTENDENT of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**
Leads the Department of Public Instruction, the executive branch body in charge of overseeing the day-to-day operation of public schools.

☑ **NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY - House & Senate**
Sets state tax policy, determines how much revenue the state will have, then creates a budget that includes how much is spent on public education.

The NCGA also determines how much school funding comes from local (county) government, and it sets policy to specify how education money is spent.

☑ **JUDGES** Ensure that the other branches of state government live up to their constitutional responsibilities; the court also provides guidance for protection of individual rights.

LOCAL

☑ **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
Set county tax rates to collect then appropriate funds for school construction and maintenance, and, at their discretion, provide additional operating funds to supplement state funding.

☑ **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**
Carry out the educational program and set local policy according to the parameters determined by the Department of Public Instruction.