# ADVOCACY DAY

Making Rural School Districts a Priority in North Carolina hosted by Former Congresswoman Eva Clayton

While North Carolina has the second largest rural population in the nation, the unique needs of rural school districts are often forgotten among other education discussions. Over two-thirds of North Carolina's traditional public school districts are rural and nearly 40% of students in traditional public schools are educated in rural districts. Low wealth rural communities lack community resources to attract and retain the best teachers and they lag behind on digital infrastructure. If rural communities and our state are to have economic prosperity, rural public schools must rank high among our investment priorities.

The **Rural Education Advocacy Day** will foster bipartisan collaboration between policymakers, educators, business leaders, education organizations, civic and civil rights leaders, and parents.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- (1) To make rural school districts a priority during the 2017-18 General Assembly and beyond.
- (2) To increase funding for teachers, teacher recruitment and high-quality school leaders.
- (3) To expand access to digital learning.

## DATE

# Wednesday MARCH 29 — TIME ——

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

### - WHERE

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Education Bldg. (Auditorium)

next to NC General Assembly Bldg.

301 N. Wilmington St.

Raleigh, NC 27601

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