

Despite board majority action and inaction that have jeopardized the quality and reputation of our excellent schools over the past year, ... and despite Mr. Tedesco referring to our school system as “The Titanic”... In 2010, Wake County schools, students, and teachers have continued to **progress, excel, and accomplish**.

A few of these accomplishments include:

- An increase in the number of middle school students, including Black, Latino, and low-income students, enrolled in advanced math
- 59 Wake County high school students were selected as National Merit Scholar semifinalists
- Wake's high school dropout rate declined
- Nearly 200 WCPSS teachers earned National Board certification
- 14 magnet schools received national honors

We need the Board to exhibit the same *professionalism, commitment, and research-based* decision-making and action that our educators do. We need the Board to lead, support, and advocate for **all** of our schools and **all** of our students. We need the Board to listen *to* and partner *with* our teachers and administrators out in the field, doing the work of educating the students of our community.

Our students and administrators have honorable things to show for their work in 2010. Some of you do not.