

February 26, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the North Carolina General Assembly  
North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges  
North Carolina Community College Presidents  
Mr. J. Edgar Moore, President  
NC Association of Community College Trustees  
Ms. Helen Dowdy, Executive Director  
NC Association of Community College Trustees

FROM: H. Martin Lancaster, President  
North Carolina Community College System

SUBJECT: Presentations to the Joint Education Appropriations  
Sub-Committee

On Wednesday, February 24, 1999, I was invited to appear before the Joint Education Appropriations Sub-Committee to discuss the State Boards' 1999-2001 Continuation Budget, as recommended by the Governor. I have included with this correspondence a copy of the formal remarks which I made.

After the presentation, I was afforded the opportunity to respond to questions. While many, if not most, of the questions were friendly, there were a number of issues which were raised. These included faculty salaries, enrollment growth, basic skills (especially ESL), new and expanding industry, capital improvements, relationships to other educational agencies, and continuing education. System Office staff will have an opportunity to address each of these issues during a series of presentations which will begin the week of March 1. Soon thereafter, I will appear once again to discuss the State Board's 1999-2001 Expansion Budget Request.

I am pleased with the reception which we received this week and believe it bodes well for future discussions about our budgetary needs as they relate to the educational programming and services which we deliver.

If there are questions or comments about the remarks, please feel free to contact me.

Attachment

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