

**THE LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS  
of CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG**

**Education Program**

***Local-LWV/C-M***

- supports and endorses the concepts of teacher-career development and improved teacher working conditions (Adopted 1984, 1988, 1989);
- supports administrative career development (Adopted 1988);
- supports early and continuing intervention for at-risk children and promotes comprehensive community and parental involvement in early childhood education for at-risk students (Adopted 1991);
- supports parental opportunity for controlled choice from among a wide variety of learning environments, options within schools, and learning styles within programs, in accordance with criteria designed to ensure both the quality and equality of educational opportunities, as well as racial integration (Adopted 1992).

***State-LWVNC***

- supports and promotes quality education for all students through the secondary level, with a continuing emphasis on the equalization of financing of public schools, and consolidation of school districts, when feasible, to provide for improved administration, better use of facilities, and broadened school instructional offerings (LWVNC Impact on Issues, 1997).
- supports continual monitoring of charter schools, paying particular attention to funding, planning time, achievement of stated missions and goals, innovative teaching methods, and the impact on traditional public schools (Adopted June, 2001);
- supports developmentally appropriate early childhood education (LWVNC Impact on Issues, 1997)
- supports improved quality of teaching through such means as in-service training, more comprehensive teacher training programs and higher salaries;
- supports appointment of the Superintendent of Public Instruction;
- supports increased citizen participation through formation of school site and district public school advisory committees;
- supports continued efforts to improve administrative efficiency and judicious use of funds;
- supports sufficient state funding of state curriculum requirements in all counties (LWVNC Impact on Issues, 1997).

## *National – LWVUS*

- promotes social and economic justice, and efforts to secure equal rights for all and combat discrimination and poverty;
- is committed to racial integration of schools as a necessary condition for equal access to education;
- supports equal access to quality education, reflecting League recognition that "equality" and "quality" ultimately are inseparable;
- supports full implementation and enforcement of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972;
- opposes tax credits for families of children attending private elementary and secondary schools;
- supports a range of federal education programs some of which are designed to meet the special educational needs of the poor, minorities, and women;
- supports equity in school financing and recognizes that financing takes place at the state level where school financing laws are made (LWVUS Impact on Issues, 2000-2002).