RESOLUTION

Rowan Salisbury Board of Education

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Statutes give local boards of education powers of supervision, oversight and control of local school systems; and

WHEREAS, the Restart transformation model allows a local board of education to operate the school with the same exemptions from statutes and rules as a charter school as authorized under Chapter §115C Article14A of the N.C. General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Rowan Salisbury Board of Education has chosen the Restart Model through N.C. Gen. Stat. §115C-105.37B a(2) to transform its schools that the General Assembly defines as low-performing via N.C. Gen. Stat. §115C-37; and

WHEREAS, the State board of Education has approved Rowan Salisbury Schools plans for Restart models at sixteen (16) of its thirty-five (35) traditional schools; and

WHEREAS, the Rowan Salisbury School system receives Low Wealth funding; and

WHEREAS, the Rowan Salisbury School system’s average student ADM is approximately 19,300 students; and

WHEREAS, charter school exemptions from onerous statutory mandates, fosters greater pathways for innovative strategies to benefit Rowan Salisbury School students; and

WHEREAS, Rowan Salisbury Schools has a duty to the local community and the state to prepare its students to be 21st Century career and college ready; and

WHEREAS, maximizing local flexibility increases Rowan Salisbury Schools ability to meet its obligations to both the community, the state and federal government regarding student preparation; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 986 Part VI, enacts a Renewal School System Program that expands the charter school exemptions to all schools in the LEA (i) with the greatest percentage of schools that are Restart (ii) that receives low wealth funding and (iii) that maintains an average ADM of 10,000 students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education supports House Bill 986 and requests the State Board of Education approve Rowan Salisbury School System’s application to become the State’s first Renewal School System.
Adopted by the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education this the ____ day of ______ 2018.

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Chairman
Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education