

Good afternoon NCSCA members! We need your support. Please see the Legislative Call to Action below and contact your NC legislators today.

To find the Representatives and Senators that represent you, please visit the following links, to see members listed by the counties they represent:

[House Members – by County](#)

[Senate Members – by County](#)

To locate a legislator’s contact information, click their name and you will be led to their biography page (this can also be found in the upper right-hand corner of the [NCGA website](#) under the “View Member Info” pull-down bar). You will want to call their office phone number (the number directly to the right of their photo) and speak with their legislative assistant.

***House of Representatives – Appropriations Chairs***

<b>Representative Name</b>	<b>Office Number</b>	<b>Counties Represented</b>	<b>Legislative Assistant</b>
Chairman Dollar	919-715-0795	Wake	Candace Slate
Chairman Arp	919-715-3007	Union	Wendy Miller
Chairman Burr	919-733-5908	Montgomery, Stanly	Dina Long
Chairman Fairecloth	919-733-5877	Guilford	Rebecca Bauerband
Chairwoman Johnson	919-733-5861	Cabarrus	Rhonda Todd
Chairman Lambeth	919-733-5747	Forsyth	Pan Briles
Chairman McGrady	919-733-5956	Henderson	Kimberly Neptune

***Senate – Appropriations Chairs***

<b>Senator Name</b>	<b>Office Number</b>	<b>Counties Represented</b>	<b>Legislative Assistant</b>
Chairman Brown	919-715-3034	Jones, Onslow	Lorie Byrd
Chairwoman Harrington	919-733-5734	Gaston	Mary Marchman
Chairman Jackson	919-733-5705	Duplin, Johnston, Sampson	Alexander Fagg

Here are main points you want to convey:

- If you are constituent of the member, say so upfront.
- You are urging the Representative/Senator to **include funding to increase the number of school counselors in our schools.**
- The national recommended ratio of school counselors to students is 250 to 1; in North Carolina, the ratio is 400 to 1.
- Increasing the number of school counselors in our state will help ensure safety in our schools.

Here is a sample script:

“Good morning! My name is \_\_\_ and I am a school counselor in \_\_\_ county.

I’m calling because I want to urge [Representative/Senator] \_\_\_ to include funding in the 2018 budget to increase the number of school counselors. School counselors provide invaluable mental health services to children. The nationally recommended ratio is 250 students to 1 school counselor; in our state, the ratio is 400 to 1.

Increasing the number of school counselors in our state will help ensure safety in our schools.”

**The more personable that you can be with these legislative assistants, the better. Strive to have a conversation about school safety and what it is that school counselors provide to struggling youth. Keep in mind that many of these legislative assistants receive dozens of calls regarding increased appropriations, so the more memorable your conversation is – the more likely she or he will become an advocate on your behalf.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Emma Shelby of The Policy Group at [emma@policygroup.net](mailto:emma@policygroup.net) or (336) 848-0073.