

## Top Ten Reasons To Support The Bond

1. Funding will be used to build vital infrastructure for long-term growth needed to keep NC competitive in a global economy.
2. If approved, \$58 Million will be provided to build a Western NC School of Science and Math in **Burke County**.
3. If approved, \$21 Million will be allocated to provide a National Guard Readiness Center in Burke County, **creating new jobs**.
4. Western Piedmont Community College will receive \$5.09 Million for necessary improvements to their campus.
5. The bond will provide money for needed **improvements to facilities, campgrounds, and hiking trails at South Mountain State Park and Lake James State Park**, increasing their capacity to host local and out of town guests.
6. \$390 Million will be set aside for **water/sewer infrastructure** projects across the state.
7. Funding for the UNC System will focus on STEM programming to better prepare our students for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century workforce.
8. There is strong bi-partisan support from the NC Legislature and across the state for this bond referendum.
9. Burke County would receive more than **\$91 Million** of investment through the bond.
10. There will be **NO tax increase** needed to fund this bond. There is sufficient revenue in the state budget to handle the debt service on the bond with prior debt being retired in the short term, making this the perfect time to fund the projects covered in this referendum.

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The bond vote is March 15, 2016