



February 4, 2011

Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II
NC National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
114 W. Parish Street, Second Floor
Durham, NC 27701

Dear Reverend Barber:

Thank you so much for your kind letter welcoming me to Wake County and for your prayers and best wishes as I embark on my new endeavor as the superintendent of the Wake County Public School System.

I sincerely appreciate your offer to meet with me to discuss ways that we can work together to increase student achievement for all children in Wake County, particularly those who are most at-risk. I look forward to sitting down with you, one-on-one, in private, and having an open and honest conversation about this critically important issue. My office will contact you early next week to work with your team to find a mutually agreeable time for each of us.

I hope that our meeting can be scheduled as soon as possible to allow us the opportunity to get to know and better understand each other as we establish what I hope will be a long-standing and productive relationship. During our conversation, I am sure that we will both have many questions for one another for which there may be no easy answers. As you may know, I am listening and learning every day and sincerely value your input as I lead this district. I want to assure you that I will approach your concerns with an open mind.

I hope this will be the first of many opportunities for us to speak and work together. We have common interests in improving the achievement of all students in Wake County. I firmly believe that we can find ways to work together to achieve this goal.

I look forward to meeting with you and beginning our work together.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Tata
Superintendent
Wake County Public School System