

October 21, 2022

The Honorable Horace (Jim) Kimel, Jr.
Chairman, Guilford County Board of Elections
PO Box 3427
Greensboro, NC 27402

Dear Chairman Kimel :

We are compelled to request an immediate investigation into the activities of an organization called Take Back Our Schools (TBOS) that filed with the Secretary of State's office in August of 2021 as a 501c(3) "charitable organization."

TBOS self identifies on their website and on social media as a 501c(4) and are actively engaged in intensive and direct political activity that is illegal for a 501c(3) charitable organization. (<https://www.takebackourschools-gcs.com>)

They are endorsing candidates, raising funds, contributing to campaigns, and coordinating campaign strategy and fundraising. They have been banned from Facebook twice in the last month for posting false information.

While we have endured harassment and outright lies about our schools, educators, students, and district leaders, we cannot stand by and allow illegal activity to persist and damage such a critical electoral process.

We call on you to act immediately with all appropriate authority to end their illegal activities. A copy of their articles of incorporation filing are attached.

Respectfully,



Deena A. Hayes
Chair
Guilford County Board of Education



H. Winston McGregor
Vice Chair
Guilford County Board of Education

CC: The Honorable Elaine Marshall, NC Secretary of State
The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, NC Department of Justice
The Honorable Damon Circosta, NC State Board of Elections