

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Cecil P. Staton

Chancellor

FROM:

Chris Locklear Chokken

Vice Provost for Academic Success and ECU Laboratory School Advisory Board Chair

DATE:

May 15, 2018

RE:

Laboratory School Name Change

Article 29A of Chapter 116 of the North Carolina General Statutes (hereinafter, the "Lab School Statute") governs the creation and operation of University of North Carolina laboratory schools. The Lab School Statute confers upon the ECU Laboratory School Advisory Board (the "Board") a duty to monitor the operations of the Laboratory School and advise the Chancellor accordingly.

The Board believes that it is in the best interest of the ECU Laboratory School to change the name of the School. Feedback from staff, parents and community members during the first year of operation has revealed a negative connotation associated with the word "laboratory" in the School's name. For this reason, the Board adopted a resolution on May 10, 2018 to change the name of the School to the ECU Community School, subject to the approval of the Chancellor.

The Board is seeking approval to change the name of the ECU Laboratory School to the ECU Community School to positively reflect and continue to promote the partnership among the University and Pitt County Schools, South Greenville Elementary School and the greater Greenville community.

cc:

Ron Mitchelson, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Toni Grace, Associate University Attorney

Request Approved:

Cecil P. Staton, Chancellor

Date