

**Vision Plan for Public Education in Alamance County**  
**Stakeholder Group Assignment**  
**October 24, 2012**

**Assignment:**

1. First read your copy of Preserving the Public in Public Schools by Phil Boyle and Del Burns.
2. Then one-on-one, talk to ten people about the visioning process, your role as a stakeholder in this process and ask each person to answer the question below. There is no wrong answer to this question. We want to hear from a variety of people who live, work, and go to school in Alamance County, NC. Please let the people you speak with know that you will share the answer with the stakeholder group, which you are a member of, but that you will not associate their name with their answer.
3. Finally, come to the December 5<sup>th</sup> Stakeholder Group meeting with your ten answers on the index cards provided. You should have one index card for each person interviewed. Record answers as stated. Please try not to paraphrase the answers. We will delve deeper into the answers you hear in small groups at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Information to share:**

- I am participating as a stakeholder representative in a community engagement initiative to develop a vision plan for public education in Alamance County, NC.
- Together, the Board of Education and the Alamance County Area Chamber of Commerce have committed to gathering thoughts and ideas from across our community to inform the Board of Education's deliberation and decision-making with regards to public education in Alamance County.
- Through this process we hope to both develop a Vision Plan for our public schools and also build broad community understanding and support for the Board of Education's work as it makes vital decisions entrusted to it by our community.
- To inform this process, I would like to ask you, as a member of the Alamance County Community, a question. There is no wrong answer to this question. I will share your answer with the Stakeholder Group, but will not associate your name with your answer to this question.
- Would you like to participate?

**Questions: (Each stakeholder participant was given one of the five questions below to use for this assignment. Contact Scottie Seawell if you need to know which question was assigned to you.)**

1. Why educate the next generation?
  2. Why invest in public education?
  3. What purposes should public schools serve?
  4. What should we teach children, who should teach them, and how?
  5. What role should public schools play in our children's lives and in our communities?
- **Thank you** for your time and thoughtful response to my question. You can find more information about this initiative and follow our progress on the Alamance Burlington School System's website: <http://www.abss.k12.nc.us>