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**Wake County Board of Education Candidates to Address Public Concerns in  
Upcoming Forum**

**RALEIGH, NC (September 1, 2009)** –With zoning changes, curriculum standards and budgeting issues creating growing concerns amongst parents in Wake County, this month’s public forum is sure to draw a crowd. Twelve candidates vying for five of the nine positions on the Wake County Board of Education will participate in the forum September 16 to discuss these topics, and many others, allowing voters to gather the facts necessary to make an informed decision in the upcoming election.

One representative from nine distinct districts throughout the county sits on the Board, which governs the Wake County Public School System by setting policies and reviewing budgets. At the forum, each candidate will answer questions concerning issues central to his or her campaign. Specifically, they each will be asked to address (1) policy; (2) budget; (3) parental involvement; (4) health and physical education; and (5) curriculum.

“Wake County parents are looking to this School Board election for fresh ideas and new leadership. This forum will give parents in Wake County insight into the positions of the women and men who will lead our schools into the next decade,” said Melissa Matton, President of the Junior League of Raleigh.

The Forum is co-sponsored by the Junior League of Raleigh, League of Women Voters of Wake County, YWCA of the Greater Triangle, Wake County PTA Council, and El Pueblo. It will be held at Holy Lutheran Trinity Church, 2723 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, at 7 p.m.

About the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc.

The Junior League of Raleigh promotes volunteerism, develops the potential of women and improves the community through the leadership of more than 1,700 trained volunteers. Since 1930, the women of the League have contributed more than one million volunteer hours and more than \$4.8 million to education, health and other services for the women and children of Raleigh. The League reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism. For more information about the League, please visit [www.jlraleigh.org](http://www.jlraleigh.org).

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