

# PERDUE AND MCCRORY ON EDUCATION

Lt. Gov. Bev Perdue, a Democrat, and Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory, a Republican, take different views on several education policies.



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## QUESTION

**Currently, only 100 publically financed but privately run charter schools are allowed in the state. Should this cap be lifted?**

## PERDUE

Opposes lifting the cap because of what she see as low performance.

## MCCRORY

Favors lifting the cap on charter schools.

**Do you favor giving students publicly funded vouchers so they can attend private school?**

Opposes vouchers, saying they are "a ripoff from the public schools."

Supports the concept of vouchers, as long as they are targeted toward students with specific needs whose schools can't help them.

**Higher education philosophy.**

Proposes programs to make free or low-cost college tuition available to students. More students should be looking at four-year degrees.

Too much emphasis is placed on college. Emphasizes technical training at community colleges.

**Community college costs.**

The state should try to make two years of community college free to all students.

The state can't afford to make community college free. Students should pay something based on their topics they're pursuing.

**How should we pay K-12 teachers?**

"The goal has to be to continue teacher pay, professionalize the profession . . . teacher pay has to be an incentive.

"Favors continuing to pay for performance, as with the ABC bonuses. "We need to pay for market rates, and that might not be equal among all teachers. If there's a shortage of math and science teachers . . . then you pay more to the math and science teachers."

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[bevperdue.com](http://bevperdue.com)

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Source: Candidate web sites, interviews, answers during debate.