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Graduation Rates Continue to Increase for the Public Schools of Robeson County

North Carolina's four-year cohort graduation rate continued its upward climb and set another record, according to the state's 2012-13 Cohort Graduation Rate Report, presented to State Board of Education members today. In 2013, 82.5 percent of students who started ninth grade in 2009-10 completed high school in four years or less. This is up from the 2012 rate of 80.4 percent.

For the past two years, the graduation rate for the Public Schools of Robeson County has surpassed the state average. For the 2012-13 school year, the rate for PSRC was 85.1% with the state average at 82.5%. The graduation rate for the district increased from 82.6% during the 2011-12 school year. The district has received accolades from across the state for the graduation rate.

"I attribute the graduate rate increase to a collaborative effort of everyone at schools and central administration working together to assist students and to help them graduate on schedule. One of the goals for the state and all school systems across the state are to improve the graduation rate. When I became superintendent in the 2006-07 school year, the graduation rate was 60.4%. In that time the rate has increased 24.7%. Again it is everyone working hard and working together to keep kids in school and helping them graduate in a timely manner. It makes everyone look good across the state," said Dr. Johnny Hunt, the PSRC Superintendent.

Since the fall of 2002, local school districts have been tracking each ninth grader as he or she moves through high school. This record keeping provides the state with an accurate count of four- and five-year graduation rates. Today's report provided four- and five-year cohort graduation rates for each of the state's regular and charter public high schools, for each of the 115 school districts and for the state overall.