[**Max V.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=9348321)- We the media believe that many of the citizens concerns will be about education, public safety, and employment. The citizens want their children to have fair opportunities for a great education. Since the crime rate has been low, which is very good, the citizens want it to stay low, even if it may include tighter rules and regulations regarding gun control. The unemployment rate is a hot topic in Mosleytown at the moment, hiring construction workers to help work on the dam could provide many opportunities for our unemployed citizens. This town deserves justice and a good governor to take care of them!

[**Conner T.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=9465118)- Concerns of the Republican Party include the following:  
While we agree we are in great need of more male representation in higher education, the Republican Party feels that replacing liberal arts programs with business and trade schools will not provide a dramatic increase in male students. It also cannot guarantee more jobs for our college graduates.   
McCrory believes that by eliminating liberal arts programs in public universities there will be more job opportunities for future college graduates. If someone does not have a pull for a business or trade education, then they are predestined to fail in their college ventures. In order to succeed, you must have a passion for what you are doing. While it is important to open up more job opportunites for our citizens, it is even more vital that all future college graduates have a chance to attend a public university, may it be for liberal arts programs or trade and business.

[**Emily E.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=16139427)- As the undecided voters in 2nd period, here are some of the things we want to talk to the governer about...  
-He wants to only support education that will overall help the state, removing funding for degrees that have no chance of getting anybody jobs.  
-While this will encourage job growth in lucrative areas, people will have much more trouble following their dreams. And we think that the ability to do what you think you are meant to do is extremely important.

[**Deborah R.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=9448741)- On behalf of the National Defense PAC, Pat McRory's proposition is not what North Carolina students need. We believe in a traditional, value-oriented, and well-rounded program and oppose any removal of the liberal arts and other such "unnecessary" programs. Music and arts programs encourage students' creativity, inspire the mind, and help many individuals to process other information as well. Rather than focus on one profession from an earlier age, a creative environment can open more opportunities to explore many different fields and allow a person to become exactly what they want to be.

[**Justin B.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=16139467)- We disagree with what Pat McCrory said because the problem right now is we do not need to fund post-graduates, but to fund the education of the students in school right now. The problem is the children in school who are not getting a good education are receiving a poor education and in turn are producing poor test scores. We disagree with McCrory that classes “that have no chance of getting people jobs” should be removed. These classes offer more variety to the students in choosing their future career paths. They should have the freedom to choose to take whichever classes they desire whether it is part of a certain subject should not determine whether or not it is available to be taken or important. We agree that it is hard to know and plan for what career you will acquire in the future, however nobody knows, so changing it for no reason other than doubt is not a significant enough reason to prohibit students from taking these classes.

[**Spencer E.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=9778965)- From an undecided voter point of view, I rather N.C pay more on education to create more jobs. By cutting eduction the teachers wouldn't recieve more money; N.C already have one of the lowest incomes of teachers in the nation. I think you create more jobs by putting more into education.

[**Jake B.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=16240214)- Although the Democratic Party supports the creation of new jobs, we believe that education is a must-have. Governer McCrory wants to fund education classes that will lead to jobs and take away from subjects such as liberal arts classes. His plans would cut down areas of employment for people already at universities studying these subjects. We must wonder what would happen to these people and how it would affect our future as North Carolina. We personally believe that all citizens should be able to pursue whatever interests they want, whether it leads to a financially fulfilling occupation or not.

[**Varya K.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=16240218)- From a mothers point-of-view, and for being undecided, we would rather focus more on our education and putting money into our childrens education rather then the teacher pay. From a teachers perspective, I'd rather see my students and children strive in the long run and become successful, rather then getting a pay raise, but lessing eduaction. If jobs are needed, we feel that there are other areas in the government which could help with that effort. Funding for education is more important that having a raise in a teachers salary. Therefore, we do not completely agree with what McCroy has proposed to further help education.

[**Courtney R.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=9348176)- We agree with Pat McCrory because we need to be educating people on real jobs that can use hands on training as a learning tecnique. In Pride County, we need to be filling jobs such as dam builders and hospital workers. Being educated in a traditional classroom can provide minimal learning in that area, because they need to know how to physically preform the skill. Wasting money on courses that may not turn into jobs is pointless.

[**Mirabel I.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=10763590)- As a Republican, we agree that studying courses that may not lead to a job in the future is unnecessary. We beleive that students should focus on courses that will help people get jobs in the future and therefore support Governor McCrory.

[**Jared D.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=13491562)- At the moment, Lee Wall, Julian Keeler, and Jared De Joya are currently leaning towards the Libertarian candidate, Andrew May. From a glance, we generally support the bill and the educational system it offers, providing more job-based programs in schools and universities. Also, the contract shown in the plan can help insure that proper education is provided with these new programs. We are not completely sure about the issue, but we currently support Governor McCroy’s budget.

[**Andrew M.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=13491601)- The Libertarian party disagrees with Governor Pat McCrory's new legislation concerning education because it is not the lawmaker's place to decide what someone can do with their future. By depriving colleges of funding for these programs, you are making it harder for Americans in the pursuit of happiness.

[**Cameron H.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=9419925)- As a member of the Citizen's Party, I both oppose and agree with McCrory's views on education. I agree with him because if we give more classes towards engineering, mechanics, etc., we could provide more people from the community to help with the construction of the dam and other similar projects that could arrive in Mosleytown's future. However, I still believe that these art programs and other similar electives should still be offered, but more money should be put into the science and engineering courses in the schools.  
Another topic that caught my eye was the conflict with UNC Chapel Hill athletics. If the athletes are taking classes where they do not have to do any work and still pass the class with a high B. that type of class will never be able to get you a job. By eliminating these programs, more people will take meaningful classes, and sometime in the near future, they could pursue a job with the skills learned in those classes.   
By eliminating the college courses that do not help with job creation, the economy will cycle through more fluidly, and if we create more jobs, the money will continue to circulate throughout the entire system as Daniel explained in the debate.

[**Mackenna M.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=9403622)- If we are going to change from a tenure based system to a performance based system then we are going to have to increase teacher pay and bonuses in order for it to work. Since North Carolina has the forty eighth lowest teacher pay in the nation it is difficult to attract experienced teachers. Without the incentive of tenure it will be more difficult to keep experienced teachers in North Carolina.

[**Reynolds J.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=9550817)- As a member of the Republican party i wholeheartedly agree with the majority of Mr. McCrory's changes in our state. Starting with the change in schools, the new Tenure bill for instance will give our teachers a sense of competition. Which will keep them at the top of their game, as opposed to currently if they don't sexually harass/assault/give students false grades (ETC) they can keep a job indefinitely till retirement regardless of whether or no they do their job well after their probationary period to clarify. Also the new literacy tests for smaller children may be a hassle but it will help us be able to teach them if they truly don't understand how to read. And another school topic with collages this time, i also believe we need to embrace the opportunity provided by the community collages, and be able to get a job the second that you leave school. Typically students just out of collage rarely find good jobs that they're qualified for in a short term setting, this way the students don't waste weeks or months just searching they'll have a guaranteed salary, and a sense of security which will boost our economy.

[**Jack S.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=16204017)- As a recently immigrated latina woman who came to America with her two teenage children I oppose the part of the Governor’s bill that removes majors that don’t promise jobs. I came here so my children could have a better future and life. They couldn’t do this if they can’t take classes on what they love and at least have a shot at their dream. I don’t believe the bill should be passed because it alters the well-rounded education my children are receiving.

[**Alison B.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=9628925)- Concerns of the Democratic Party:  
-cutting of the liberal arts education due to it not producing as many jobs  
-the Gov. deciding what has intellectual value and what does not  
-the obvious support for only job-generating careers  
The governor should not be able to say what careers should and should not be allowed only based on the amount of jobs they create. People should be free to study what they find interesting and this will not happen if liberal arts education is reduced or eliminated.

[**Brenderia C.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=16194540)- Governor McCrory values strong educational programs offered in schools just like the mayoral candidates of Mosleytown. McCrory plans to do everything in his power help the state’s education curriculums shy away from pursuits that have no chance of getting people jobs. As a member of an interest group endorsing Cary for Mayor, I recognized that my candidate also wants to provide teachers with the necessary funds and tools needed to achieve the highest academic success possible in our classrooms. Just like the governor, Cary believes that if students get a good education it will benefit their futures, help them find jobs, encourage them to stay in Mosleytown, and attract new citizens who want a better life and great education. Governor McCrory has also recently passed a law that guarantees teachers a job for life under a contract after teaching for four years in the same school system. This gives teachers an extra motivational push to do the best of their ability on the job. Similar to the beliefs of Mayoral candidate Juan, Governor McCrory holds teachers accountable for student growth on state tests. Both believe that evidence of continuous poor evaluations of teachers can be used to dismiss ineffective teachers.  
The one concern Mosleytown should express to Governor McCrory is opposition against cutting the liberal arts education programs out of higher learning institutes. Who is he to say that years from now down the road these skills will be essential in the workplace? Isn’t it best if our citizens have a wide variety of skills and knowledge?

[**Garrett R.**](http://wcpss.edmodo.com/home#/user?uid=16181541)- Mosley town is also going through educational reforms, each of the candidates have a slightly different view on what to do but they all want to better our schools. As concerned citizens, we feel that education is very important to our town’s future and to our kid’s. It provides everyone with a fair and equal chance, and if the schools don’t improve, I will never send my kids to one of these schools. Schools need money for not only math classes and reading books, but for arts programs such as band and art. We need P.E programs and we need better teachers .If I have to, I will move to get out of the district. ! We need to bring up points like the lack of a hospital, the lack of a dam, and our amount of kids moving away.

On behalf of the Mosley Town council I, Toney-Paite Phillips, would like to welcome you to Pride County. We have many plans regarding public education and the budget that would be needed. Even though our three running candidates have different plans on getting Mosley Town back on track, they all share common values and desire to meet the agenda. I would like to ask for a grant to help raise public school standardized test scores. By creating a sturdy generation of students, we can begin to pave the way to steady jobs and growth in the economy. Additionally, by increasing the number of high school graduates, the open positions at both the Mosley Town dam and the Furniture Factory could be filled. By filling these basic jobs, Pride County’s economy would perpetuate economic growth statewide. Even though many citizens may question the importance of a career focused budget, there is a definite need for higher funding to the school systems and job opening paths that could lead to economic growth.