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Mr. John Riak
Executive Director, PTAVE
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Dear Mr. Riak:

Thank you for your interest in children and the impact punishment has on their lives.

As you are aware, North Carolina does permit the use of corporal punishment and the discretionary use of corporal punishment is decided by the Local Educational Agency. One of the guiding goals of the North Carolina State Board of Education is that North Carolina public school students will be healthy and responsible. Schools are encouraged to provide positive learning environments in which each child has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults creating a culture of learning that is respectful, empowers, and prepares students for success.

Certainly, your concerns are understandable and we in North Carolina do not expect any student to receive unrealistic forms for discipline.

We share the desire to improve each child's learning environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June St. Clair Atkinson".

June St. Clair Atkinson

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