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I am proud to announce that the Randolph County delegation and I were able to procure significant funding in the budget for Randolph County, several of our cities, Randolph Community College, the North Carolina Zoo, and more. Below is a partial list:

- Randolph County - \$85 million for the county water and sewer plan
- North Carolina Zoo - \$3 million each in FY23/24 and FY24/25 towards a total of \$60 million authorized for the new aviary building/exhibit
- Archdale - \$7 million for water plant expansion
- Trinity - \$4.5 million for water and sewer improvements
- Asheboro - \$4,170,000 for water and wastewater infrastructure projects
- Randleman - \$5,150,000 for water and sewer improvements
- Randolph Community College - \$1.5 million each in FY23/24 and FY24/25 in receipts from ARPA for capital improvements or equipment, \$1.5 million each in FY23/24 and FY24/25 in funds transferred to SCIF for capital improvements or equipment

Other budget items of note include:

- Teacher raises – teachers receive an average raise of 7% with starting pay going from \$37,000 to \$39,000 and top of the scale from \$54,000 to \$55,100
- State Trooper raises – salary grades HP01-HP05 get an 11% raise in FY23/24 and grades HP06-HP011 get a 7% raise in FY23/24
- State employee raises – most state employees will see a 7% raise over the biennium, 4% in FY23/34 and 3% in FY24/25
- Retired state employees – one-time 4% cost-of-living bonus
- School bus drivers – an average of 2% on top of the state employee raise, for a total raise of 9%