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Raleigh, NC — Today, in the long-running Leandro school funding case, **the Supreme Court of North Carolina ruled** that courts lack authority to order state funds transferred without legislative approval.

Today's decision leaves education funding decisions to the North Carolina General Assembly and the normal budget process, as the North Carolina Constitution requires.

Demi Dowdy, spokesperson for NC House Speaker Destin Hall said, **"Today's decision rightly recognizes the constitutional role of the North Carolina General Assembly, since the state Constitution entrusts sole appropriations authority to the legislature. House Republicans remain committed to investing in public education, including through our budget**

proposal to raise starting teacher pay to \$50,000 and provide 8.7% average raises to our public school teachers."

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