

Proposed Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education Statement
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The challenges and opportunities that CMS students face cannot be adequately addressed in the 7 hours and 180 days each school year. While the CMS Board of Education has a leading role in this endeavor, our students need each branch of local government to work more collaboratively to respond to the challenges and to take advantage of the opportunities. Essentially more collaborative policy making, greater teamwork in strategic planning, and more partnership in implementation will better serve our students and our entire community.

To accomplish this, we propose the creation of a Joint Elected Officials Team (JEOT), consisting of representatives of the municipal, county and school district governing boards in Mecklenburg County. The team would consist of no more than X members, all of whom are committed to this vision of greater partnership and collaboration.

A starting point for this effort could be the CMS Student Assignment policy currently under review. The CM BOE could develop a draft policy (Guiding Principles) and then seek from the JEOT:

- Input on the draft policy to include elements of each governing boards' responsibility that impact student assignment
- Each governing boards' actions and commitments to make the policy succeed

The final Student Assignment policy would become a statement of the community's commitment to our students' success.

Future collaborative policy areas would be identified by the JEOT and could include capital investment, real estate, and other areas.