



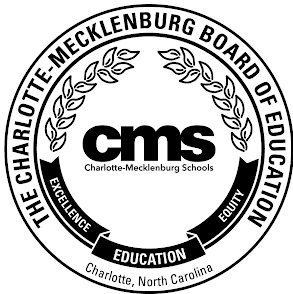
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MEDIA STATEMENT**For Immediate Release: July 7, 2026****Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education
shares statement on state-adopted budget**

Charlotte, N.C. – The salary increases for teachers and other state-funded education employees included in North Carolina's new state budget represent a positive investment in North Carolina's public education workforce.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education believes this budget represents meaningful progress. Sustaining a strong public education workforce will require building on that progress by ensuring educator compensation remains competitive, rewards experience and keeps pace with the rising cost of living.

As we consider this budget, we must keep in mind that educators need compensation that grows with their commitment to students. While a one-time bonus may provide short-term financial relief, it is not a substitute for meaningful, long-term compensation. It does not increase an educator's base salary, strengthen retirement benefits, or provide the sustained income that supports long-term financial stability and helps educators live in the communities where they teach.

"This budget recognizes the importance of North Carolina's educators. But recognition and adequate compensation are not the same," said Board Chair Stephanie Sneed. "North Carolina's teachers and school employees deserve compensation that reflects the value of the work they do

every day, keeps pace with the cost of living, and helps them remain in the communities they serve. Recognition is important, but sustained, meaningful investment is what will allow us to recruit, retain, and support the educators our students deserve. When we invest in educators, we invest in our students. We invest in stronger communities, greater economic opportunity, and the workforce that will shape North Carolina's future. This budget is a positive step, and we look forward to continuing the conversation about strengthening North Carolina's public education workforce through sustained, meaningful investment in the people who make student success possible."


The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education will continue to advocate for compensation that reflects the tremendous value of our public education employees. North Carolina's teachers and school employees serve the overwhelming majority of our state's children every day. Ensuring they are fairly compensated is essential to attracting and retaining the talented workforce our students deserve. Investing in educators is ultimately an investment in stronger students, stronger communities, and a stronger North Carolina.


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