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Statement from Chair Eric C. Davis on

State Board of Education's Efforts to Assist Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Our foremost priority is ensuring that students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools continue to receive an excellent education, build on the tremendous academic progress achieved in recent years, and have every opportunity to succeed. It is essential that we remain focused on students and the conditions necessary to support their continued success.

As outlined in our recent letter to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education leadership, the State Board of Education is actively engaged with district leadership to address the challenges and opportunities facing the district and the community it serves. Central to that work is the importance of restoring and strengthening public trust, ensuring meaningful community participation, and developing and implementing strategies to improve the relationship between the local board and the families and communities it represents. That work is already underway.

We are taking a thoughtful, measured approach to these matters, consistent with the State Board's constitutional and statutory authority and responsibilities. At the same time, we recognize that ongoing investigations by state and federal officials may yield additional information that could inform our work and any future actions.

This approach is consistent with the State Board's longstanding practice of working collaboratively with local school districts to address challenges, strengthen governance, and improve outcomes for students. We remain committed to working constructively with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and its community to ensure that the district continues moving forward, with students and their educational success at the center of every decision.

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