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MEDIA STATEMENT

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education reassures families that the federal government “shutdown” has very limited student impacts

Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education issues the following statement to assure our students, families, and staff that the federal government shutdown that has been in place since October 1, 2025 currently has very limited impact on Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS).

Based on the latest information from the U.S. Department of Education, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) has issued communication indicating that, at this time, the federal government shutdown does not impact programs such as the School Nutrition Program and federal grants that support public education classrooms.

The U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) shared that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) “typically has funding on hand for three months of school meals following a shutdown, and USDA is unlikely to issue any guidance on school meals until closer to that three-month mark.”

And although the USDOE will cease all new grantmaking activities, this has no immediate impact on CMS.

“Although the federal government shutdown has limited impact on public education at this time, the Board understands that the effect on our families and communities goes beyond the classroom,” states Chair Stephanie Sneed.

As always, families are encouraged to reach out to their school administration if their student needs additional support.

Please note that this is subject to change as additional information is made available.

For additional questions, please contact boardcomms@cms.k12.nc.us.