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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education Approves New AI Policy that Guides Responsible and Ethical Use

Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education voted to approve an Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy that guides and sets expectations for how to responsibly use AI within Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS). This policy is a collaboration between Board members, staff, and the Office of General Counsel (OGC) and includes input from the CMS community. The policy will ensure CMS is leading responsibly in the implementation of AI Systems and using innovation to achieve successful student outcome goals.

While AI may enhance future educational outcomes, streamline administrative processes, and provide valuable tools for students and staff, AI cannot be used to replace human interaction, creativity, or decision-making. The policy specifically addresses the importance of the responsible and ethical use of AI within CMS, as students and staff learn to work with this emerging technology.

“We heard the questions of our community members, and the policy was developed with many pieces of input in mind,” explains Board of Education Vice Chair Dee Rankin who also chairs the Board’s Policy Committee. “We believe that the policy provides clear direction on developing a committee to continuously monitor and audit our systems to ensure data privacy, training staff and students on the responsible use of AI for compliance to strict guidelines, and putting in place all needed and appropriate parameters to ensure that AI enhances student learning and prepares them for a world in which AI will continue to play a significant role.”

The policy also addresses important topics such as required training, the use of age-appropriate tools that align with a students’ cognitive abilities, how to develop digital literacy skills, and the need to respect intellectual property. To see the policy in its entirety, please click [HERE](#).

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