



Greetings, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Families!

We are only a couple of months into the 2025-26 school year, but believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about next school year. The CMS School Choice Lottery opened last month and will remain open until Dec. 5.

Our School Choice programs connect students' interests to theme-based learning experiences and offer unique opportunities to match their interests and learning styles. CMS has a school for every student. When you apply to the School Choice Lottery, you're opening the door to an exceptional educational experience for your student and giving students access to learning environments where they thrive and families feel connected. You can learn about our School Choice options by visiting our district website at www.cmsk12.org.

I am excited to share that the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools [2024-2025 Year in Review](#) is now available. This annual report showcases the accomplishments of our students, staff and community partners and highlights district initiatives. The Year in Review gives us an opportunity to reflect on special moments and events from the 2024-25 school year through feature stories, highlights and photographs. I encourage you to download a copy of the report to learn more about how we are creating endless possibilities for our students.

We are celebrating three years of the Meaningful Medicine program, which is a partnership with Atrium Health funded through a grant from Bank of America to bring health access and mental wellness resources to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. This initiative also provides CMS high school students career pathway programs in the health care field.

The School-Based Virtual Care service is offered in 115 CMS locations and available to students and staff when they are not feeling well on campus, during school hours. Being able to provide a healthcare provider at school virtually is helping us reduce absenteeism and providing convenience for families in need of health access, especially in our underserved communities. There are [32 CMS locations](#) that offer Atrium Health's [School Based Virtual Therapy](#) on campus, during school hours. Since 2022 this program has helped nearly 1,000 students with their emotional wellness needs. And as part of the career pathway programs, nearly 300 CMS high school students have participated in Atrium Health's workforce development programs. Thank you to Atrium Health and Bank of America for this innovative program and incredible initiative.

There are several important dates impacting the school calendar this month. Please remember:

- Nov. 4 – Schools closed for Teacher Workday (*district offices open*)
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day Holiday (*schools and district offices closed*)
- Nov. 19 – Early Release Day
- Nov. 26 – Schools closed for Teacher Workday (*district offices open*)

- Nov. 27-28 – Thanksgiving Break (*schools and district offices closed*)

As we pause to celebrate the season of gratitude, I want you to know how deeply thankful I am for each of you – our incredible students and families, our caring community, and our devoted employees. It is an honor to serve as your superintendent, and I am truly thankful for each of you. Thank you for choosing Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and for your unwavering support.

In service and partnership,

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