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**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education to Vote on
2026-27 Budget Recommendation at a Later Date**

Charlotte, N.C. – The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education determined more time was needed to evaluate the 2026-27 budget for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS). The budget vote will take place in advance of May 15 – the date the Board must submit the entire budget as approved by the Board of Education to the Board of County Commissioners.

Superintendent Dr. Crystal Hill's budget request to Mecklenburg County is \$698,687,069. This funding request includes dollars for employee investments, funds to meet statutory requirements, and resources for operational needs.

In advance of the vote, the Board of Education will take more time to evaluate and confirm that the budget recommendation meets the board's goals and the needs of our schools, including:

- Closing academic achievement gaps
- Equipping classrooms with the needed resources and supports for the best possible learning environments
- Implementing wellness strategies that support the whole child

"In such a tight budget cycle and in light of no budget from the State of North Carolina, the board wants more time to be certain that we are budgeting in a way that ensures every dollar counts and adds value," states Board of Education Chair Stephanie Sneed. "With more focused time on each line item, the board is confident we will put forth the best possible budget that adds value to the experiences of all our staff and students."

Chair Sneed adds, "This is not the end of the process. A budget will be passed, and it will be passed in short order. When it is, the community can be confident that it reflects fiscal responsibility, alignment with the Board's priorities, and a clear commitment to every student served by Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools."

To access the Digital Budget Book, click [HERE](#). Please direct questions to sheria@cms.k12.nc.us.