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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education Holds Budget Work Session

Charlotte, N.C. – The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, during a special meeting held Saturday, May 2, further discussed elements of Superintendent Hill’s recommended 2026-27 budget to gain clarity and determine if funds were allocated in alignment with the Board’s goals to serve all students during a challenging budget year.

The meeting, streamed and open to the public, was an opportunity for decision makers to further engage on budget alignments.

“As I shared at the last regular meeting of the Board of Education, this is less about questions around the total county request, and more about whether or not the recommended allocations are positioned to best serve our students,” said Board of Education Chair Stephanie Sneed. “Today’s meeting was very productive. From the Board to Superintendent Hill to staff, we all are invested in ensuring our budget provides students all that they need to realize *Endless Possibilities*.”

The board discussed several areas including:

- **Resources including Staffing Allotments:** The equitable distribution of school resources including staff allotments, the assumptions made for the calculations, and if those calculations account for schools of different sizes and student needs.
- **Social Emotional Learning:** Mechanisms to identify the particular needs of our students, and what tools are best demonstrating alignment with the various needs of students.
- **Academic Gaps:** The strategies with correlating data that demonstrate students of various needs are receiving the support to reach their personal best and the board-identified student outcomes because reducing academic gaps cannot be a “one size fits all” approach.

"In this restrictive budgetary climate, it is critically important that we extensively examine every dollar to ensure that the budget, in the best way possible, is meeting the needs of our students, families and personnel in order to ensure that our students are enrolled in further education, enlisted in the armed services or gainfully employed with a more than livable wage," further stated Chair Sneed.

To watch the board work session, click [HERE](#).

The discussion will continue on Tuesday, May 5, starting at 11:30am at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 527. The in-person meeting will be streamed for those who cannot attend.

Meeting agendas are posted [HERE](#).

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