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**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education Approves Superintendent Dr. Hill's
Updated Budget Recommendation for the 2026-27 School Year**

Charlotte, N.C. – The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education approved Superintendent Dr. Crystal Hill's revised recommended 2026-27 budget for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) at tonight's meeting in advance of the legislatively required deadline of May 15.

The vote comes after three special meetings on May 2, May 5, and May 8 where the Board of Education, Superintendent Hill and staff came together to further discuss and finalize a budget that better supports the board's student goals and target outcomes, and addresses the diverse needs of our students and their schools.

"The extra time the board took with the CMS team really was time well spent," said Board of Education Chair Stephanie Sneed. "By seeking clarification and diving into the data further, the board, Superintendent Hill and CMS can say we have a stronger budget that is positioned to best serve our students within the constraints of our environment."

The revised budget includes the following adjustments:

- Educator Pay: Assumption of a five percent state increase versus the originally assumed three percent state increase
- Teacher Allotments: Reallocation of three positions to higher need schools
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL): Reallocation of funds from Capturing Kids' Hearts to services that have more direct impact for students with greater SEL needs



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- Department of Social Services (DSS) Liaison Positions: Reallocation of funds to reinstate all four liaison positions
- Family Engagement: Reallocation of funds to increase direct support to students

“We also learned that shortly before tonight’s Board meeting, the North Carolina General Assembly announced that it has reached consensus on a state budget, which is news we have all been waiting for,” states Chair Sneed. “Once the state budget is finalized, the CMS team will further evaluate the details as they become available. The board remains hopeful that our state legislators will pass a final budget that is more reflective of what educators deserve.”

The board-approved budget will be presented to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners at its May 13 meeting.

You can learn more details by watching the Board meetings [on the Board’s YouTube channel](#).

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