



Superintendent's Message

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Greetings, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Families!

As we begin the 2026-27 school year, I am excited to welcome our new and returning students and families to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

The start of a new school year is always filled with anticipation, possibility and hope. As many of you savor these last few days of summer, I want to recognize students and staff at our early and middle colleges who have already started classes and are well underway in their learning journeys for the year. Thank you to those students, families and staff members for helping us kick off another successful year.

I also want to extend a special congratulations to our Class of 2026 summer graduates. Earning a diploma is a significant accomplishment, and we are proud of each student who reached this milestone. Your perseverance and dedication have opened the door to endless possibilities, and we celebrate all that lies ahead for you.

Across the district, dedicated educators and staff have spent the summer preparing classrooms, campuses, buses and learning environments to ensure every student has the support they need to thrive from Day One. I am grateful for their commitment and the care they bring to our schools each day.

This year, we remain focused on what matters most: Ensuring every student has access to high-quality learning experiences that prepare them for success in school, career and life. We will continue advancing academic achievement, supporting student well-being, strengthening employee experiences, and building meaningful partnerships that help our students reach their full potential.

Our district's progress is possible because of the collective efforts of our entire CMS community. Families, employees, volunteers, business leaders, nonprofits, faith partners and community advocates all play an important role in creating opportunities for our students. Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to public education.

As we begin the 2026-27 school year, I encourage each of us to embrace the opportunities ahead with optimism and determination. Every day offers a chance to inspire a student, build a connection, overcome a challenge, and make a difference. When we work together, there is no limit to what our students can achieve.

To our students: We cannot wait to see the talents, creativity, and leadership you will bring to our schools this year. To our families: Thank you for entrusting us with your children and partnering with us in their success. To help you prepare for the year ahead, I encourage you to visit our Back-to-School website at bit.ly/CMSBTS2026, where you'll find important information, resources and updates for the new school year. To our employees: Thank you for choosing to serve and support our students every day.

I look forward to an incredible year of learning, growth, and achievement across Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Together, we will continue creating ***Endless Possibilities*** for every student.

In service and partnership,

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