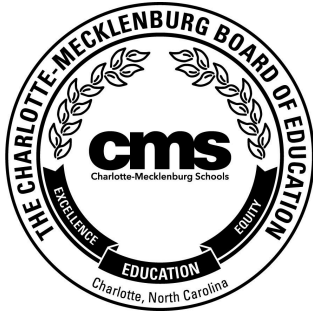




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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**For Immediate Release:** September 23, 2026

### **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education Chair, Gregory “Dee” Rankin, Issues Statement**

Charlotte, N.C. – The following is a statement from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education Chair Gregory “Dee” Rankin that was shared with the media after the September 22, 2026 board meeting.

*At last night’s Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education meeting, a majority of the Board of Education made the difficult decision to terminate Dr. Crystal Hill’s employment as superintendent for convenience.*

*This was not a decision the Board made lightly. Throughout this process, our responsibility has remained clear: to make decisions that we believe are in the best interest of the students and families we serve and to ensure that Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) remains focused on its mission of providing every student with a high-quality education.*

*I want to assure our CMS community that I have tremendous confidence in the strength, dedication, and professionalism of our district leadership team, principals, teachers, support staff, cafeteria staff, bus drivers and every employee who comes to work each day committed to serving our students. The work of educating and supporting our students will continue, and our focus must remain firmly on student achievement, safe and supportive learning environments, and creating the conditions in which our educators and staff can do their very best work.*

*Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools is a strong district because of the people who make up our school community. We have talented educators, committed staff, engaged families, and*

*students who continue to demonstrate tremendous potential. I am confident that, together, we will remain focused on our mission and continue building on the progress being made across our schools.*

*Our staff and families received communication from the district last night regarding next steps and continued operations.*

*Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to the students of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.*

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