



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools issue statement on the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's review of SBI and State Auditor efforts

Charlotte, N.C. – The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) remain committed to rebuilding public trust with our students, families, employees and community through transparency, accountability, and clear and timely communication. With that commitment in mind, we share the following statement:

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools appreciate that the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NC DPI) is fulfilling its statutory responsibility to review the facts and information developed through the ongoing investigations involving Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. We welcome that review and will continue to cooperate fully with our state partners.

DPI's review, although not a separate investigation from the work being conducted by the State Bureau of Investigation or the Office of the State Auditor, is essential to helping build public trust in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. The department's review of the facts, findings and information produced through those investigations is an important part of the department's statutory responsibilities and efforts in maintaining confidence in public education.

As one CMS team, the Board of Education, district leadership, educators, school leaders and staff remain committed to providing the information, documentation and access necessary to support these processes. We will continue to engage openly and professionally with NC DPI, the State Auditor's Office and the SBI.

As this work progresses, we will continue to reaffirm our focus – our students. Please know that classrooms are filled with learners who are curious, energized, and engaged with their peers as they are guided and supported by caring and committed educators.

We appreciate our state partners for carrying out their respective responsibilities with diligence and professionalism. Most importantly, the entire CMS team remains united in serving our students and families and ensuring every student has the opportunity to experience Endless Possibilities.

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