



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education student advisor finalists to participate in annual candidate forum

Charlotte, NC –The student finalists in the running to become the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education's 2027 student advisor will be participating in an annual forum to share their views on a number of designated topics. It is the only time when community members can hear all finalists, in one forum, share their perspectives on issues impacting teens today.

The forum will be moderated by Charles Jeter, executive director of intergovernmental relations, legislative affairs and policy administration, and Inchara Gopinath, the 2026 student advisor to the board. Each candidate will have the option to respond so they can demonstrate why their high school peers should cast their vote for them. [The forum will be hosted on the board's YouTube channel.](#)

What: Candidate Forum: 2027 Student Advisor Finalists
When: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 | **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
Where: Charlotte Government Center, 600 E. 4th
Who: High school students in the running to be the 2027 student advisor to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education

Please RSVP to sheria.costa@cms.k12.nc.us if you plan to attend this event.

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