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Ballantyne Ridge High School junior is the 2027 student advisor to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education

Charlotte, NC – Luka Bozovic, a junior from Ballantyne Ridge High School, is the 2027 student advisor to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education. Students across the district chose from an impressive pool of 10 finalists from each Board member district of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS).

A proven student leader, Bozovic has demonstrated a strong commitment to advocacy, teamwork, and service across Charlotte-Mecklenburg. As president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, he represents all students, working alongside Board of Education members and district leaders to elevate student voice and support meaningful policy discussions. Bozovic also serves as captain of the Ballantyne Ridge varsity swim team, leading more than 55 student-athletes while fostering collaboration and mentorship. Through the City of Hobbies Youth Fellowship, he partners with fellow student leaders to conduct research aimed at expanding access to extracurricular opportunities for Charlotte's young people.

"I am truly honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve as the 2027 Student Advisor to the Board of Education," said Luka Bozovic. "The students of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools have entrusted me with their voices, and I am committed to listening, learning, and advocating for their needs. I look forward to working with Board members, district leaders, and students across our community to help ensure every student feels heard, supported, and represented."

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education is one of the few boards across the country that has a student advisor representative. This non-voting advisory member ensures that the voice of students is part of important discussions and that the Board's decisions continue to be student focused. This was the second year the Board moved to an Electoral Vote (EV) system so that student candidates from high schools of all sizes had an opportunity to be selected.

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"Each year, I'm inspired by the passion, dedication, and leadership our student advisor brings to the Board of Education," said Board Member Anna London. "Their willingness to share perspectives, advocate for students from all backgrounds, and engage in important conversations reflects the strength and promise of student leadership in CMS. I'm excited to welcome Luka and look forward to working together to ensure student voices continue to help shape the future of our district."

The role of the student advisor is made possible through a longtime CMS partnership with GenerationNation – an award-winning non-profit that works with CMS on K-12 civic literacy and develops a new generation of civic leaders through student leadership programs including the process to elect student advisors to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education.

"The student advisor program gives students a meaningful opportunity to develop leadership skills, engage in district decision-making, and ensure student perspectives are heard," said GenerationNation Executive Director Amy Farrell. "It's inspiring to see young people step forward as informed, thoughtful leaders who are helping shape their schools and community."

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