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Education News: Board Approves CMS Budget Plan

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Dear Steve,

Today, the North Carolina General Assembly reconvenes for this year's legislative session. Teacher raises are at the top of the mind for many lawmakers and the governor.

This is a critical moment for the future of public education in North Carolina and Mecklenburg County.

Governor McCrory has proposed a plan that would overhaul the teacher compensation structure in our state, while giving teachers at least a 2 percent pay raise this year. You can read more details about the governor's plan, and MeckEd's take on it, below.

At the same time, our Board of County Commissioners will consider a budget request from CMS that includes raises for our educators. As you know, teachers play a vital role in shaping our future generation. But many Mecklenburg County educators are choosing to leave the profession or, worse yet, choosing to take higher-paying teaching jobs just across the border in South Carolina. MeckEd is respectfully asking both our state legislature and our county commission to recognize this troubling trend--and invest in our teachers.

We need you to take action today.

Download [MeckEd's advocacy toolkit](#). Use the resources to contact members of the General Assembly and Board of County Commissioners. Share the toolkit with your friends. Post messages on social media. Our teachers need your support, and our elected officials need to hear from you.

Thank you for all you do to support public education.

Sincerely,
Bill

CMS Board OKs Superintendent's Budget Request



In this week's e-Newsletter:

- [School Board Backs Budget Request](#)
- [McCrory Rolls Out Teacher Pay Plan](#)
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The Charlotte-Mecklenburg school board voted 8-0 last night to support Superintendent Heath Morrison's budget request, which includes a 3 percent raise for all CMS employees. The request now moves to the Mecklenburg County Commission for a final decision.

Morrison's budget also includes more funding for student support services, including counselors and social workers, as well as funding for new academic options.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the county budget June 11. Commissioners will take a straw vote the following day, and a final vote June 17.

-The Charlotte Observer

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Governor Rolls Out Teacher Raise Proposal



Gov. Pat McCrory's proposed budget amendments include plans to give all North Carolina teachers a raise.

The governor's plans, which the General Assembly will debate during the session beginning today, call for at least a 2 percent raise for all teachers. McCrory's proposal also calls for big changes to the teacher compensation structure in North Carolina.

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NC Charter Board Approves 11 Applications

Members of the North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board approved 11 of 71 charter applications Tuesday for schools that would open for the 2015-16 school year. Three of the approved applications are in the Charlotte area: Charlotte Lab School, Queen City STEM, and Veritas. The state Board of Education has the final say on whether these schools will open, though the board typically follows the advisory board's recommendations.

-The Charlotte Observer

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MeckEd's "Ready to Work" Summit a Success

Nearly 200 people joined MeckEd, the Charlotte Chamber, CMS, CPCC, Charlotte Works and Livingston & Haven for a special workforce development summit April 28. The event highlighted the importance of raising a qualified workforce through internships and apprenticeships. Attendees heard from Bob Schwartz, a Harvard professor and national expert on workforce development.

-WCNC

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Congratulations 2014 Teachers of Excellence!

MeckEd is thrilled to announce the winners of our 2014 Teachers of Excellence Awards. These 20 teachers were nominated by their principals and show tremendous dedication to their students. We will honor them at a reception and dinner tonight. For more information about tickets, [please visit our website](#).

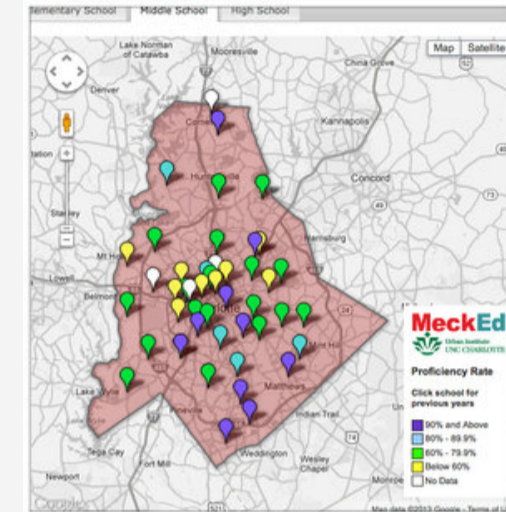
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For Your Consideration

For Your Consideration provides an open forum for individuals to voice their opinions on various public education issues.

McCrory's Proposal a Good Start By Dr. Bill Anderson

As he rolled out a new, multi-phase teacher compensation plan last week, Gov. McCrory said the existing compensation model "is old, it's outdated, and it doesn't frankly work for the 21st century."

The governor is absolutely correct. By most measures, North Carolina has fallen behind neighboring states when it comes to education funding. We lag our peer states on everything from starting teacher salary to average teacher salary to per-pupil expenditure. North Carolina ranks last among the states in teacher salary growth from 2002-03 to 2012-13.

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Education Briefs

CPCC Apprenticeship and Workplace Learning Conference

May 21, 8:00 a.m. | Harris Conference Center
Companies struggle to find skilled workers. Apprenticeship and other workplace learning programs are solutions to help close the skills gap and give companies a strategy for building talent pipelines. The dual on-the-job work/classroom education focus allows employers to recruit talented individuals.

Sara Fisher - Whitewater Academy
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