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MeckEd



Dear Steve,

Last week, MeckEd was pleased to join other community advocates in launching a campaign in support of the quarter-sales tax referendum that is on November's ballot here in Mecklenburg County. The campaign, [Together4Meck](#), represents citizens who care about education, libraries, and arts in our community. MeckEd chose to endorse the referendum because, if approved, it would invest roughly \$28 million in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools for employee raises. MeckEd has committed itself to advocating for competitive salaries for those who shape our next generation.

The salary boost would help our veteran educators, some of whom saw as little as a 0.3 percent salary bump from the start of this year, while other teachers received as much as 18 percent. But it would also benefit support staff who can have a profound impact on a student's day. Public school support staffers received a \$500 salary increase from the state this year while all other state employees received a \$1,000 increase. Sadly, 59 percent of CMS employees don't make a living wage, and this referendum will make strides toward correcting that.

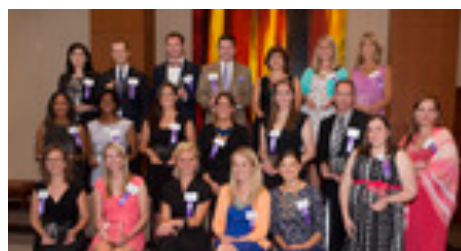
If you are interested in joining the Together4Meck movement, I encourage you to [visit the campaign's website](#) and sign up. There are also opportunities to volunteer or provide speaking engagements for the campaign.

Another way to show your support for our teachers is to join MeckEd for a [Community Conversation, "The Teacher's Voice,"](#) tomorrow morning. You'll find more information below, but we are thrilled to welcome four outstanding teachers for a candid conversation about what is happening in the classroom. We hope you can join us.

Thank you for all you do to support public education.

Sincerely,
Bill

Hear from Teachers at MeckEd's Next Community Conversation



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As we begin a new school year, join MeckEd for a thoughtful conversation about the issues facing Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools teachers. Panelists include four highly effective CMS teachers from schools across the county. They will share their perspectives on the classroom and take your questions.

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Win Lunch with Former N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt!



MeckEd is pleased to once again host our Annual Community Breakfast. This year's event, on October 9 at the Westin Charlotte, will be an opportunity for us all to underscore our support for public education in Mecklenburg County.

We are honored to welcome former Gov. Jim Hunt as the keynote speaker at this year's breakfast. Known as "the education governor," he helped to solidify North Carolina's reputation as a national leader in public education. Gov. Hunt will inspire and challenge us all to do what we can to support our schools in order to empower North Carolina's next generation. One lucky supporter will have the opportunity to have lunch with Gov. Hunt. [Place your bid in our silent auction now for this unique opportunity!](#)

In addition, MeckEd will honor Howard Haworth as the 2014 Education Champion of the Year. Howard is a longtime friend of public education, having been appointed to the State Board of Education in 1987 by Gov. Jim Martin. He served as chairman of the board from 1988 to 1991, as was appointed lifetime chairman emeritus. His support for our schools is unwavering.

We hope you will join us for this special event. [Tickets may be purchased online and corporate sponsorship opportunities are still available.](#)

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Treasure Our Teachers Year Round



Watch the TV these days and you're bound to see campaign ads about how North Carolina treats its educators. The profession of teaching is a hot topic in the U.S. Senate campaign between Sen. Kay Hagan and state House Speaker Thom Tillis.

-The Charlotte Observer

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SteelFab Partners with Career Pathways for Apprenticeships



2014 Annual Community Breakfast Keynote Speaker: Gov. Jim Hunt



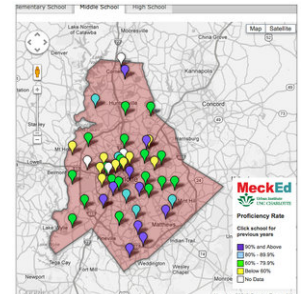
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STEELFAB

MeckEd's Career Pathways program has partnered with SteelFab, Inc., to offer work-based learning opportunities for students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. "We want to find talented and driven young people to work with us in hopes that it will make SteelFab a successful company," says SteelFab's Victoria Cross. Last school year, the company hosted students from Harding University High School for job shadows, internships and, eventually, apprenticeships. "Our goal is to one day only hire people who have interned with us for 10 weeks," Cross says. "When you have worked with someone for 10 weeks, you are better able to accurately assess their work ethic, attitude, skills, and intelligence." This year, the company has expanded its partnership with Career Pathways to include students from Garinger High School. [Contact us to learn how your business can get involved in Career Pathways.](#)

Education Looms Large in Pivotal U.S. Senate Races



Education policy issues are at the heart of a handful of highly competitive U.S. Senate races that could help determine which party controls the chamber next year. In North Carolina's race between incumbent Sen. Kay Hagan and state House Speaker Thom Tillis, the candidates are locking horns over education spending and teacher pay. - *Education Week*

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Fewer N.C. College Students Aspire to Teach



Since 2010, fewer young people in North Carolina seem interested in the teaching profession, according to numbers from the UNC System. The numbers for those enrolled in undergraduate teacher education programs decreased from around 15,000 in 2010 to just under 12,400 in 2013. That's a 17 percent decline. -*The (Asheville) Citizen-Times*

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