



25 days until Election Day!



## Weekly Campaign Newsletter

*On the 2017 general election ballot, Mecklenburg County voters have the opportunity to approve a \$922 million bond referendum for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. The bonds will fund 29 high-need projects to relieve overcrowding, upgrade aging facilities and deliver more academic options for students and families.*

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## Tune in to "Charlotte Talks" on Monday

The school bonds will be a topic of discussion on WFAE's "Charlotte Talks" show Monday, October 16, at 9 AM. You can listen on radio station 90.7 or stream live on [WFAE's website](#) (click "listen live" button in top right corner).

## Project Spotlight



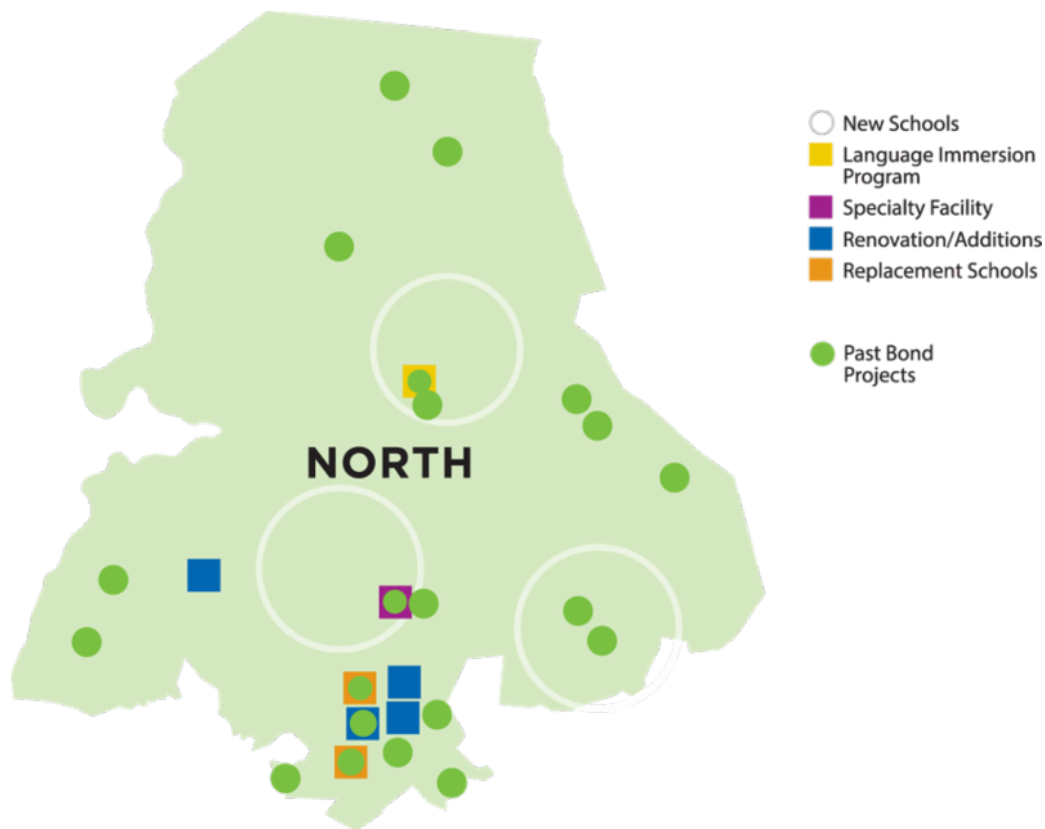
Included in the 2017 school bonds package is \$283.7 million for nine projects designated for northern Mecklenburg. This includes \$45.4 million to build a new K-8 language immersion magnet on the site of the former J.M. Alexander Middle School in Huntersville. The new 45-classroom school (photo above) opened this past August and was made possible by voter approval of the school bonds in 2013.

In addition to this new middle school, four more new schools will be built in the north including:

- Elementary school to relieve Hidden Valley and Newell elementaries and J.W. Grier Academy
- Facility for exceptional children program on site of former Statesville Road Elementary School
- Replacement school for Bruns Academy
- Replacement school for West Charlotte High School

There are four north-area renovation and expansion projects slated as well. Projects include the second phase of K-8 conversion at Mountain Island Lake Academy with upgrades to its gym and specialty classrooms.

Northern Mecklenburg has received funding for 17 CMS projects with the approval of the last two bond referenda in 2007 and 2013. These projects include Hough High, Ridge Road Middle and Highland Creek Elementary schools to address growth, the previously mentioned replacement school at J.M. Alexander and the Career and Technical Education program at North Mecklenburg High School.



Vote **YES** this election to give our children their best opportunities to learn and succeed.

[Click here](#) to learn about all 29 projects included in the bond package.

## Let's See Those Yard Signs!

Supporters across the county have been eager to get yard signs for their homes and businesses. With nearly 2,000 Vote YES signs already out in the community, we encourage all our supporters to get those signs up for all to see! Early voting starts next Thursday, October 19, so it's time to blanket Charlotte-Mecklenburg with our #YesToInvest green and blue.

**Take a photo of your sign on display and share on social media.** Don't forget to tag us!  
 Facebook @VoteYesForBonds | Twitter @VoteYes4Bonds | Instagram @VoteYesForBonds

## Yard Sign Pick-Up Locations

### Allen Tate SouthPark

6700 Fairview Road  
 Charlotte, NC 28210

Hours: M-F 8:30-5:30; Sat. 11-2; Sun. 1-4

### Allen Tate Steele Creek

2130 Ayrley Town Boulevard, Suite A  
 Charlotte, NC 28273

Hours: M-Sat. 9-5; Sun. 1-5

### Allen Tate University

145 West W T Harris Boulevard  
 Charlotte, NC 28262

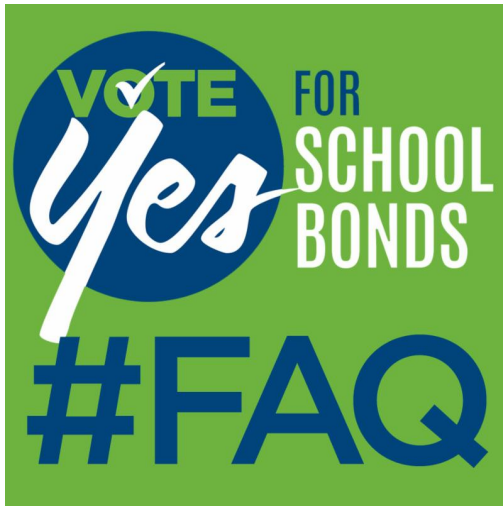
Hours: M-F 8:30-5:30; Sat. 9-6; Sun. 12-6

### Allen Tate Ballantyne

15640 Don Lochman Lane  
 Charlotte, NC 28277

Hours: M-Sat. 9-5:30; Sun. 12-5

Please remember to follow your city or town's yard sign ordinance. [Click here](#) for ordinances in Mecklenburg County.



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** What is a bond and how is it used?

**A:** A bond is a way for governments to borrow money at a low interest rate to finance building projects. Mecklenburg County issues bonds to fund new school construction, repairs and renovations for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) facilities.

**Q:** Why are bonds on the ballot?

**A:** The lowest interest rates for borrowing money are available by issuing "General Obligation" bonds. State law requires voter approval through a referendum. The Mecklenburg County Board of

Commissioners voted to put the bonds on the ballot at the request of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education.

[Visit our website's FAQ page](#) for more frequently asked questions.

## Election Schedule: Two Big Dates Have Arrived

Today is the deadline for voter registration. And, next Thursday, October 19, early voting begins! Check out the [Mecklenburg County Board of Elections](#) for all the details on early voting including times and locations.

Want to request an absentee ballot by mail? [Click here](#) for a printable application that you can send to the Board of Elections.

Here's an outline of the election schedule:

- October 13:** Deadline for voter registration
- October 19:** First day of early voting
- October 31:** Last day of absentee voting (by mail)
- November 4:** Last day of early voting
- November 7:** Election Day

*We must continue to invest in our public schools to give our children their best opportunities to learn and succeed, to support our teachers so they can be effective and to keep the local economy and quality of life strong.*

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