

## "Impact on Equity: How Will the CMS Comprehensive Plan Improve Educational Opportunities for All Students?"



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Dear Mr. Johnston,

The League of Women Voters of Charlotte Mecklenburg Education Action Committee has been reviewing the CMS Comprehensive Plan of major building projects, changes in magnet programs, and changes in school boundaries and student assignment. The proposed projects will go to the CMS Board in February, but the public input process officially ends November 30. Despite CMS providing [engagement opportunities](#) for stakeholders, we are concerned that there has not yet been sufficient community input.

We feel compelled, therefore, to encourage wider community input to ensure that the plans being proposed do, in fact, address historical inequities and support CMS goals of increasing student achievement, especially at the currently low-performing schools. To that end, we have been meeting with Dennis LaCaria, Claire Schuch and Walter Hall who are leading this review for CMS. We have arranged for a meeting on the evening of November 15 from 6:00pm-8:00pm to share information and interact with CMS staff about how the proposed Comprehensive Plan impacts Equity in Student Achievement.

**Would you consider letting your membership know about this important opportunity—likely one of the last for public input before the plan is finalized?**

If you are willing, we can send you our flyer and press release. And I can also happily collect any questions on pertinent issues your constituents would like to see addressed.

The meeting will be hybrid—available both via Zoom as well as in person at Government Center uptown.

Here is a [link to the invitation](#). Further details about the meeting, a Zoom link for the virtual option, and anything else we can send you to support participation will come your way once you indicate you would like to help us spread the word.

Your partners in education advocacy,

Jeanne Smith and Linda Traum, Co-Leads  
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