

The next Election is a General Election and will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2022



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VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Peace. Early voting has ended and Tuesday, November 8th is the last General Election voting day. PLEASE VOTE and encourage your friends and family to do so.

The link for the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections is listed below with all the information you need to locate your polling place and identify the candidates.

<http://www.meckboe.org/>

**NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS WILL BE OPEN
6:30AM UNTIL 7:30PM**

New School Construction Completed

I recently joined Principal Beth Marshall and members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education at the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Briarwood Academy located in my Northeast Charlotte House District. This is an A1 school facility.





**Governor Cooper Signs Executive Order Establishing
Commission on the Future of Public Universities in NC**

This week Governor Roy Cooper signed an Executive Order establishing the Commission on the Future of Public Universities to advise the Office of the Governor and the public on the status of public higher education governance in North Carolina and on strategies to successfully position the state's universities and colleges to meet the needs of future students.

Tom Ross, President of the University of North Carolina (UNC) System from 2011 to 2016 and Margaret Spellings, President of the UNC System from 2016 to 2019, will serve as co-chairs of the bipartisan Commission. Ross previously served as a superior court judge and president of Davidson College. Spellings served as the U.S. Secretary of Education under President George W. Bush.

To govern the system, the UNC Board of Governors was established in 1971 to be a nonpartisan body of leaders that would promote the university system's essential role to "communicate knowledge to address the needs of society." Each UNC institution also has a Board of Trustees to advise the Board of Governors and the institution's chancellor on matters pertaining to that institution. The Board of Governors and some of the members of each Board of Trustees are selected by the General Assembly in a tightly controlled process led by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tem of the Senate. The other members of the Boards of Trustees are selected by the Board of Governors.

Unfortunately, a spate of controversies over the last few years has led to concerns that boards plagued by undue political influence and bureaucratic meddling hinder effective university governance. Instability and political interference can have significant impacts on campus leadership, turnover and academic experience for students, and can threaten the university's reputation and the state's economy and communities.

The Commission will assess the current appointment system of public university governance in North Carolina and make recommendations to the Governor on how it can be reformed and strengthened. Members of this Commission will come from varying backgrounds related to experience with the UNC System, general experience with higher education governance, and experience with higher education best practices.

The Executive Order requires commissioners to deliver a report no later than eight months from the Order's signing. The report will include an assessment of the current public university governance structure and any additional recommendations as requested by the Governor regarding the need for support and oversight of the state's public universities.

NC Lottery's Impact on Education

According to the Department of Public Instruction, about 30 percent of lottery revenue goes to education. Where does the remaining 70% go? Player winnings, retailer commissions, advertising, and administrative costs are the main expenses. Last year over \$900 million for education programs. Specifically, according to the NC Lottery, the money went to:

- Pre-K programs for 12,299 children;
- \$100 million for school construction and repair;
- 26,341 need-based scholarships and 51,613 need-based grants to attend in-state universities or community colleges;
- \$385 million for non-instructional support in public schools;
- \$21 million for school bus transportation; and
- \$115 million need-based school construction and repair.

Lottery funding represents a small share of North Carolina's investment in public schools. The [latest Census numbers](#) rank North Carolina's per pupil spending of \$9,958 43rd in the nation. In the South, North Carolina ranked above Florida, Tennessee, and Mississippi but below its neighbors Virginia and South Carolina, as well as Louisiana, Alabama, Texas, and Georgia.

PEACE!



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