

For Immediate Release



From Sen. Joyce Waddell <joyce.waddell@ncleg.gov>
To <sjohnston@tuesdayforumcharlotte.org>
Reply-To <joyce.waddell@ncleg.gov>
Date 2025-01-14 13:17



From the Office of Sen. Joyce Waddell, NC Senate
Mecklenburg County

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, January 13, 2025
Chapter VI
Volume 2

CONTACT: Sen. Joyce Waddell
(919) 733-5650
Joyce.Waddell@ncleg.net
<https://joycewaddell4nc.com/>



Greetings:

The General Assembly began the new 2025-2026 Biennium this past Wednesday. The Senate and the House of Representatives were sworn in and we are prepared to begin new legislation and create a sustainable budget for the state of North Carolina.

The swearing in opening ceremony emphasized working together and how we as legislators can serve our communities when we focus on positive outcomes.

Joyce Waddell

Swearing In

Senator Waddell gets sworn in as the Senate representative for District 40 of Mecklenburg County. (1st pic - Members of the National Council of Negro Women attend the swearing in ceremony, 2nd pic -Sen. Waddell takes the oath of office, 3rd pic - Inside the Senate Chamber during the swearing in ceremony)



Listening Sessions Initiative

North Carolina's newly sworn-in Superintendent of Public Instruction has launched an entry plan aimed at engaging educators, parents, and community leaders statewide. This initiative includes a series of listening sessions to gather input and insights from various stakeholders in the education system.

The superintendent's plan, titled "Mo Wants to Know," will involve discussions with local school superintendents, charter school leaders, parent organizations, and leaders from community colleges and the UNC system. Additionally, the sessions will include conversations with parents and guardians who have chosen alternative education options for their children. These sessions are scheduled to take place between January and March.

What a great way to start the year for public schools. I applaud Superintendent Green for involving the community in his plans to chart a pathway for the public school system.

Health Initiative Utilizes Community Spaces to Promote Wellness

During the weekend before Christmas, a neighboring county participated as one in the South to host the Black Beauty & Barbershop Health Initiative. This program is a collaboration between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' "Risk Less. Do More." campaign and the Black Beauty & Wellness Foundation, an organization focused on empowering Black women and girls to make informed health decisions.

This is important because we will begin to see these types of initiatives throughout many counties in North Carolina including Mecklenburg County.

Stylists and barbers, often seen as trusted advisors within their communities, play a key role in this effort by helping to spread critical health information.

I believe this initiative is a great way to think outside the box in regards to helping minority communities improve health disparities.

NC General Assembly

Visit www.ncleg.gov, the official website of the North Carolina General Assembly. Use this website as a tool to track bills, find and communicate with your state representatives, as well as follow chamber activity, meetings and issues before the General Assembly.

You can view bills in full by visiting www.ncleg.gov.



Sen. Joyce Waddell, District 40 | 1106 Legislative Building | Raleigh, NC 27601 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!