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Greetings:

The General Assembly was alerted that the Governor vetoed H.B. 87 - Educational Choice for Children Act (ECCA) due to loose guidelines. Members of the General Assembly will be voting on this veto in the near future.

Joyce Waddell



CW Williams Community Health Center Back To School Event

Senator Waddell alongside other elected officials spotlight the 11th annual back to school health fair sponsored by the CW Williams Community Health Center. Elected officials spoke to the large group of attendees.

Power Bills

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides a one-time payment to eligible households with elderly or disabled members to help cover heating expenses. The Crisis Intervention Program, funded through LIHEAP, offers emergency assistance to families experiencing heating or cooling crises.

The program remains operational in North Carolina but has been affected by recent federal staffing changes that have slowed administration in some areas. Proposed federal legislation could shift more of the program's costs to the state, potentially reducing the amount of assistance available to residents.

So far in 2025, LIHEAP has served more than 125,000 households in North Carolina. The number of households receiving assistance is directly tied to the amount of federal funding available each year.

Charlotte Mecklenburg Association of Educators Strategy Session with Members of the Mecklenburg Delegation



Senator Waddell along with other Mecklenburg Delegation members participated in strategy session to discuss education legislation with the leadership of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Association of Educators.

State Stopgap Budget

North Carolina's governor will sign a recently approved stopgap spending measure, describing it as a temporary solution that keeps state government operating but falls short of addressing long-term needs. The measure provides continued funding but does not include pay raises for teachers, law enforcement, or other state employees, despite inflation and workforce vacancies.

The governor has urged the legislature to finalize a comprehensive budget that invests in state employees, public services, and long-term priorities. Budget negotiations have stalled since late June due to disagreements between the House and Senate on tax cuts and major policy provisions.

The stopgap measure includes additional funding for staffing and branch expansions at the Division of Motor Vehicles but allocates significantly less than requested for the annual Medicaid cost adjustment. State officials have warned that reduced Medicaid funding could affect access to care and health outcomes. Legislative leaders have indicated that more funding could be considered later in the year if necessary.

It is important that the House and Senate members negotiate and come up with a budget for the benefit of all North Carolina.

Hidden Valley Community "Night Out" Neighborhood Event

Senator Waddell is pictured with law enforcement. Night Out is a community engagement event held in communities on the first Tuesday of August, aimed at strengthening relationships between residents and local law enforcement while fostering neighborhood unity.



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