

For Immediate Release



From Sen. Joyce Waddell <joyce.waddell@ncleg.gov>
To <sjohnston@tuesdayforumcharlotte.org>
Reply-To <joyce.waddell@ncleg.gov>
Date 2025-08-27 11:36



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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, August 25, 2025
Chapter VI
Volume 34

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



Greetings:

Today most public schools started back. Schools across the district and the state are gearing up for a successful school year. A new school year brings about many positive changes, but can also bring challenges.

Joyce Waddell

School Budgets Under Strain

As the new school year begins, many public schools in North Carolina are facing reduced staffing and budget cuts. Lots of teachers, assistant principals, counselors, and support staff positions have been eliminated, and some programs remain on hold due to the absence of a finalized state budget. Additional uncertainty comes from proposed federal education cuts.

Across the state, the reasons for cuts vary but share common themes: declining enrollment, the expiration of temporary federal funding, rising operational costs, and limited local resources. For example, several urban districts have eliminated hundreds of teaching and central office positions.

The absence of a comprehensive state budget has further complicated matters. A short-term “mini-budget” passed in July covers enrollment growth and some step pay increases for teachers, but it does not provide across-the-board raises or program expansions. If lawmakers do not approve a full budget soon, schools will continue operating under last year’s funding levels plus the limited mini-budget adjustments.

In addition to the state-level uncertainty, proposed federal cuts could have a significant impact. The administration’s budget calls for \$12 billion in education reductions nationwide, with an estimated \$200 million loss for North Carolina. These cuts would be especially damaging to rural districts, which often rely more heavily on federal funding than urban areas and have fewer local resources to offset the reductions.

The challenges come on top of recent decisions to raise health plan premiums for state employees, including nearly 750,000 teachers, retirees, and their dependents. Taken together, the state and federal budget shortfalls place school systems across North Carolina in a precarious position as they work to provide stable education for 1.5 million students.



Early Voting

Senator Waddell votes early on the first day and encourages others to vote early as well.





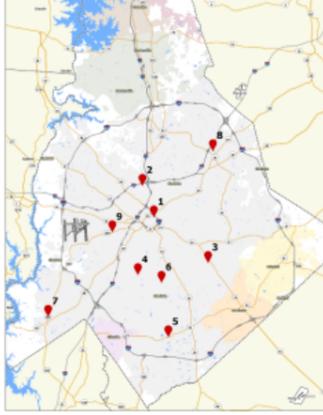
City of Charlotte Primary Election
September 9, 2025 Early Voting

HAL MARSHALL - opens Thursday August 21 at 8 am
1 - Hal Marshall 618 N College St

ADDITIONAL SITES - open Tuesday, September 2 at 8am

- 2 - Allegra Westbrooks Regional Library 2412 Beatties Ford Rd
- 3 - EAST - Independence Regional Library 6000 Conference Dr
- 4 - Marion Diehl Rec Center 2219 Tyvola Rd
- 5 - SOUTH PARK - Southpark Regional Library 5801 Rea Rd
- 6 - SOUTHPARK - Southpark Regional Library 7015 Carnegie Blvd
- 7 - STEELE CREEK Masonic Lodge 13611 Steele Creek Rd
- 8 - UNIVERSITY CITY Regional Library 5528 Waters Edge Village Dr
- 9 - WEST Boulevard Library 2157 West Blvd

* Use the QR code for detailed information including directions.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				August 21 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	August 22 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	Closed	
Closed	August 25 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	August 26 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	August 27 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	August 28 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	August 29 HAL MARSHALL 8 am – 5 pm	Closed	
Closed	Closed	September 2 ALL 9 Sites 8 am – 7:30 pm	September 3 ALL 9 Sites 8 am – 7:30 pm	September 4 ALL 9 Sites 8 am – 7:30 pm	September 5 ALL 9 Sites 8 am – 7:30 pm	September 6 FINAL DAY ALL 9 Sites 8 am – 3 pm	
Closed	Closed	September 9 Primary Election Day 6:30 am – 7:30 pm Voting in your assigned precinct <small>(check your voter card or visit our website meckboe.org)</small>					Eligible individuals may register and vote during the one-stop early voting period.

For further election related information visit our web site at www.meckboe.org

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.

Please don't forget to consider getting vaccinated. There are viruses and other illnesses plaguing our community that can be prevented by vaccines and proper handwashing.



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

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

