

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Board of Education

K-12 EDUCATION

- ★ 25% of Mecklenburg population is under 18
 - If 1 million live here, approx. 250,000 children & youth
- ★ Over 250 K-12 schools in community
 - Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
 - Charter schools
 - Independent schools
 - Religious schools
 - ...Plus home schools



NC PUBLIC EDUCATION

- ★ NC school attendance is required for ages 7-16
- ★ Public schools are established by the NC Constitution
- ★ Oversight
 - **North Carolina General Assembly** legislation
 - **NC Board of Education** (appointed, not elected, body)
 - **Department of Public Instruction**
 - Implements state's public education laws and BOE policies and procedures governing K-12 education
 - Statewide curriculum
 - Teacher evaluation criteria and salary levels
 - Calendar start/end dates, required days per year, etc.

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS

- ★ Public school district for Mecklenburg County
- ★ One of the largest school districts in the US
 - 148,000 students, 165+ schools
 - 18,000 employees – over half are teachers
- ★ Fast Facts
 - <http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/mediaroom/aboutus/Pages/FastFacts.aspx>
- ★ Superintendent Ann Clark is CEO of CMS



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CMS BOARD OF EDUCATION



At-Large

Ericka
Ellis-Stewart



District 1

Rhonda
Lennon



District 2

Thelma
Byers-
Bailey



District 3

Ruby
Jones



Elyse
Dashew
Vice-Chair



District 4

Tom Tate



District 5

Eric Davis



District 6

Paul Bailey



Mary
McCray
Chair



SCHOOL BOARD ROLE

- ★ Hire/fire superintendent
- ★ Establish school district policy
 - Policy list: <http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/boe/Pages/BoardPolicies.aspx>
- ★ Determine budgets
 - Annual operating and capital (construction)
- ★ Approve student assignment boundaries
- ★ Oversee the management of the school district's major systems
 - Includes budget, curriculum, personnel



SCHOOL BOARD

★ 9 members on the school board

- 3 elected at-large, 6 elected by district

★ Role

- Hire/oversee Superintendent
- Establish school district policy
- Approve budget + student assignment plans
- Oversee management of major district systems
 - Finance, personnel, curriculum, etc.

School board thinks about entire district and the future

School Board = Goal/Policy

Example: All schools must be racially and economically diverse in order to increase student performance across the district

Superintendent = Strategy

Example: Revise student assignment plan for all schools and neighborhoods

Principal = Tactics

Example: Hire 12 new teachers/staff for students now assigned to our school, including ESL Math, AP Chem, and 2 guidance counselors

School Bus Manager = Tactics

Example: Create new bus routes and bus stops for students attending different schools



SUPERINTENDENT



Ann Clark

[superintendent@
cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:superintendent@cms.k12.nc.us)

- ★ Oversees daily CMS operations
- ★ Keeps school board and public informed about CMS
- ★ Implements policies established by school board
- ★ Analyzes, prepares, recommends info for school board approval
 - School calendars
 - Budgets
 - Appointment of principals and top staff



BUDGET

Annual Budget = Over \$1 Billion in operating funds

State

58%

General Revenue
(NC taxes, fines, etc.)
Lottery Proceeds

Meck. County

30%

Property Taxes
Other sources

Federal

& other funds

12%

Grants, aid programs,
School lunches, afterschool

*Remember, city and county governments are not the same.
The City of Charlotte has NO responsibility to fund CMS!*

HOW IS EACH \$1 USED?

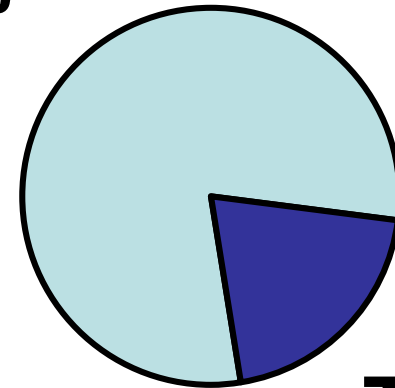
★ 80 cents - People

- **Salaries and benefits**
 - Teachers, principals, bus drivers, custodians, others

★ 20 cents – Things

- **Purchased services**
 - Electricity, water, consultants, professional services
- **Supplies and materials**
 - Textbooks, paper, software, school bus tires, fuel
- **Furniture, equipment, charter schools**
 - Equipment, furniture, computer hardware, payments to charter schools

People
80%



Things
20%

*Approximate breakdown

GET INVOLVED

★ CMS School Board

www.cms.k12.nc.us/boe/Pages/default.aspx

★ NC Board of Education

www.ncpublicschools.org/state_board

★ U.S. Department of Education

www.ed.gov

★ Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council

Student advisory council

www.GenerationNation.org