

Election 2013 Candidates – School Board (Board Of Education)

Office	Candidates	# seats in election
District 1	Rhonda Lennon Christine Mast	1 candidate will be elected
District 2	Thelma Byers-Bailey Richard McElrath	1 candidate will be elected
District 3	Joyce Waddell	1 candidate will be elected
District 4	Tom Tate Queen Elizabeth Thompson	1 candidate will be elected
District 5	Eric Davis Edward Donaldson	1 candidate will be elected
District 6	Paul Bailey Bolyn McClung Doug Wrona*	1 candidate will be elected

*High school students surveyed all candidates for office in Election 2013. Candidates who completed the questionnaire are included in this guide. * = The candidate did not provide the requested information.*

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Favorite news source	Multiple sources
Community involvement and leadership experience	<p>CMS Board of Education, District 1 since 2009</p> <p>Founder and Leader of F.U.M.E.-an effective advocacy group with a mission of being a positive voice for change in education and the first group to persuade the school board to build new schools to relieve suburban overcrowding.</p> <p>Recipient of NC PTA 2004 Oak Leaf Award for outstanding volunteer.</p> <p>Governor Martin's School Building Solutions Committee (2006-07)</p> <p>Superintendents' Standards Review Committee (2007)</p> <p>Huntersville School Advisory Committee (2008-09)</p> <p>Charlotte Advocates for Education- Board Member (2005)</p> <p>Carolina Foundation for Oral Health- Board Member and Treasurer (1990's)</p> <p>Former Hornet's Nest Girl Scout District Manager (volunteer) and Troop Leader</p> <p>Former HOA Board Member and President</p>

First issue I will tackle	<p>My first task will be to get to know any new members of the board and to sit down and find areas of commonality. It is essential to form collaborative working relationships with each member of the board so we can do the work this community needs us to do to improve public education</p>
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How I will impact...	
Student readiness for college, career and civic life	I support the current CMS initiatives to make sure every student is prepared for a productive life after they graduate. Currently we are increasing our CTE offerings-- both in type of courses and accessibility across the county, this must continue. I also support the plan to increase rigor and make sure challenging courses are offered at every school; utilizing technology to make them more available and accessible.
District growth	As a board member, our primary "job" is to have a dynamic, thoughtful and engaged leader as Superintendent, which we do in Dr. Morrison. We must also reach out to every corner of the community to make sure that everyone understands the importance of having a parent or adult mentor shepherding each students academic journey.
School safety	The Board is responsible for directing the Superintendent to carry out all aspects of education, including safety. I supported the safety improvement plan that will impact every school starting this school year.
Teachers	Since salaries are determined by the state, I will continue lobbying my local delegates to emphasize the importance of competitive teacher salaries. I also support increased emphasis on professional development for staff. ANother key issue is lobbying at the state and national level to reduce redundant testing, especially the MSL's-which do not count toward student grades but are counted toward teacher performance and are labor intensive to score..
Most important ...	
Role of public education	Public education is the foundation of our democracy. It has the ability to level the field across all groups in this country. Having an education is a key to future success.
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	The key issue needs to be communication and transparency between CMS and all our funding partners. I have formed productive, collaborative working relationships with members of the Board of County Commissioners and our state legislators. I will continue frequent meaningful communication with all groups.
My biggest accomplishment will be	My biggest accomplishment will that I was a productive, collaborative member of the board that lead CMS to be recognized as the top public school system in our nation.

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Education	BS Business Administration, Major in Accounting from Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI)
Political viewpoint	Republican
Favorite news source	
Community involvement and leadership experience	Campaign Co-Manager for State Office Poll Worker -- State Senate race Volunteered as Senior Accountant for "The Mommies Network," a 501c(3) non-profit local Mommies group Volunteered as Finance Manager for "LakeNormanMommies.com" Advocated many times for CMS issues at BOE and BOCC meetings Regular blood-donor with local American Red Cross


First issue I will tackle	Educate the BOE on the proper application of the Strategic Planning process, to align all School Improvement Plans to the new CMS Strategic Plan, with special emphasis on the "funding" alignment.
How I will impact...	
Student readiness for college, career and civic life	Ensure an assessment is done at each middle school to determine each student's capabilities. Monitor the Learning Community Strategic Planning process to ensure Objectives are in place to guide these students through High School.
District growth	Facilitate academic choices for all students and work to regain the trust and confidence of the teachers. This, in turn, will promote good discipline and morale that becomes the magnet for new students, over Vouchers and Charter Schools.

School safety	Each school has a different level of security requirements. Give the schools proper funding through their School Improvement Plans. Make the new recommendations of the security services report mandatory in all School Improvement Plans, with leading indicators reportable quarterly.
Teachers	Lobby daily to the General Assembly for increased teachers' salaries and benefits. Provide effective training opportunities for teachers. Earn the trust of teachers by being responsive and transparent in answering concerns. Establish a "whistle blower" mechanism to ensure compliance with State Statutes.
Most important ...	
Role of public education	The role of public education should be to give all children an opportunity to obtain skills to succeed in life, whether it be with a college degree or with a skilled trade. At the same time, public school systems must be accountable to the taxpayers who fund them.
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	The State pays the teachers and the County provides supplements to this pay. The BOE must collaborate with the State and County to obtain required resources to meet their goals. The BOE should ensure there is adequate documentation to prove the process and provide "leading indicators" for future success.
My biggest accomplishment will be	Establish an effective Strategic Planning Process. Education on the proper procedures for process improvement of using the "bubble up" approach, by allowing Principals and School Leadership Teams to determine their needs and "funding". The Central Office should provide the direction, but the individual schools should provide the specifics needed to help their particular students.

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Political viewpoint	I am a Democrat because I believe in providing a safety net for those who are disadvantaged, making sure seniors are provided for, and taxing income progressively.
Favorite news source	The Charlotte Observer
Community involvement and leadership experience	I have served over 7 years as President of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Association. I represent my community as a member of the Historic West End Neighborhood Association, the Northwest Corridor's Council of Elders, and the Friendship Community Development Corporation (CDC) Board of Directors. I also serve on The Steering Committee for the Charlotte Mecklenburg African American Community Fund. I have served as Treasurer of the Charlotte Chapter of The Links, Inc.
First issue I will tackle	Strengthening magnet schools because students are entering a global workforce. Diversity within school populations is the key to preparing them to function in this workforce. Our historically exclusive housing patterns are mirrored in our neighborhood schools. A diverse student body provides students with daily contact with students of different cultures.
How I will impact...	
Student readiness for college, career and civic life	My goal is to make sure every student who graduates from CMS is either college bound or has received enough skilled training in their chosen trade that no additional education is necessary for them to step


	into gainful employment.
District growth	Charlotte's population is increasing annually causing some schools to be over-populated while others are under-utilized. Redrawing school boundaries and re-purposing existing structures can relieve some of this strain. Creating attractive alternatives to neighborhood schools for those parents willing to transport is also a viable solution.
School safety	A lack of tolerance of others who are different results in an atmosphere of bullying and intimidation which can quickly escalate into violence. I believe that when children are educated in a diverse student population from the beginning, they are less likely to develop these attitudes.
Teachers	I am highly disappointed with the way this year's legislation has severely impacted these issues. I will use every means at my disposal to influence our legislators to reverse these laws. We will also need to assure our teachers that we will use every means possible to minimize the impact.
Most important ...	
Role of public education	Our role is to help each and every student in the classroom to discover their talents and abilities and to develop their minds to their highest capacity to absorb information and to think creatively and critically.
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	We all need to agree that our first and highest priority is that we must do everything necessary to assure that every student is successful. While we are blessed to have teachers who excel despite of inadequate compensation, it is unrealistic to expect to achieve these results across the board.
My biggest accomplishment will be	My goal is for every student to have developed such a love for learning to the point that they become motivated to self-educate. When they burn with that hunger to know more, we have succeeded.
Other comments	Today, we are committing a disservice to our children with the uneven enforcement of zero tolerance and discretionary disciplinary policies which funnels minority students out of the classroom and into the courtroom. Also, out of school suspensions have


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Political viewpoint	Democratic
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Community involvement and leadership experience	Served on CMS BOE since 2009 I founded People United for Education, Westside Environmental Coalition, and Mixed Income Housing Coalition. I've served on School BuildingsSolutions Com. MeckEd organization


First issue I will tackle	Equity.This has always been my priority to see that ALL students are provided and have ready access to a sound, basic education in our school system.
How I will impact...	
Student readiness for college, career and civic life	Ensure that students are provided the teachers, tools and curriculum relevant to their aspirations.I will give special attention to those student who will likely not go to college to provide educational alternatives that will prepare them for the workforce upon graduation.,
District growth	I will bring my knowledge and experience in education to the forefront and urge the Board to address and vote for those issues which will impact district growth in a positive manner.
School safety	By maintaining an awareness of the incidents, issues and programs being implemented in the schools for this purpose.

Teachers	It goes without saying that teachers are the backbone of the education system. I will do everything in my power as a board member, as I have in the past, to advocate for the teachers.
Most important ...	
Role of public education	The most important role of public education is to provide a source of quality learning for every child, provided by great teachers, to achieve global literacy, international standards and world class schools..
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	The most important collaboration needs to occur between CMS, City Council and County Commission. This is necessary to effectively address issues such as CMS budget,.I have already begun communicating with the city council regarding mixed income housing, and have gotten some positive feedback regarding this issue, which is critical to pupil assignment in our school system.
My biggest accomplishment will be	By the end of my current term my biggest accomplishment will have been to get CMS to realize that it is just as important to prepare students for the workforce as it is to prepare them for college. I consistently pushed this issue throughout my term until the powers that be finally came on board.


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Political viewpoint	Speaking for all people	
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Community involvement and leadership experience	Workshop Presenter for Early Childhood Programs Served on the CMS Board of Education for District 3, elected in 2009 Precinct Chair for Precinct 105 for 10 years Previous Board Member - Florence Crittenton Services Previous Board Member - Mecklenburg County Womens Commission Previous Board Member - Spirit Square Board Of Directors Previous Board Member - Chair Mecklenburg County Appeals Board	
First issue I will tackle	Did not complete	
How I will impact...		
Student readiness for college, career and civic life		
District growth		
School safety		
Teachers		
Most important ...		
Role of public education		
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government		
My biggest accomplishment will be		

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Favorite news source	National Public Radio	
Community involvement and leadership experience	<p>Eight years on the CMS Board of Education</p> <p>Participation in a variety of Boards and groups including Mecklenburg Ministries, Uptown Men's Shelter, Helping Empower Local People (H.E.L.P.), Clergy Association, Shepherd's Center East, Johnston Memorial YMCA, and Charlotte Emergency Housing</p>	
First issue I will tackle	<p>My continuing focus is on educating everyone, every student in CMS specifically, but also educating people in the community to make sure they understand what we are doing. That's the main thing -- focus on education.</p>	
How I will impact...		
Student readiness for college, career and civic life	<p>Every school is a good school in the sense that it is possible at every CMS school for students to get an education that prepares them for whatever they do next. What we must continue to do as a Board (not just as individual members of education) is to provide everything it takes to make sure every student gets what is needed for her or his education. Sometimes it takes additional teachers, sometimes special programs or themes, sometimes after school activities. We need to be able to provide whatever it is for each student.</p>	
District growth	<p>We are going to continue to grow. That means we have to work very closely with the County Commission in order to get funding as quickly as we can for new schools, renovations, and expansions. The selective</p>	

	use of mobiles will continue to be necessary as students move into schools that are already full.
School safety	Our anti-bullying efforts are very important for school safety. We are in the process of making sure they are as comprehensive as possible. To provide a safe environment for learning our teachers and staff need to be culturally competent. The Board approved and the Superintendent is putting into place a number of security measures that include how and where people get into the school, who they are (through a "lobby guard" system and check in at the office, the use of cameras, and more.
Teachers	Too often our teachers feel as though they are not appreciated. They are the key people for educating every student. The Board needs to support them by continuing to push for additional pay, listening carefully to their concerns (too much testing, e.g.), and making sure they know they are heard.
Most important ...	
Role of public education	Public education is the great leveler. People can come from all sorts of backgrounds and education can put them on an equal footing as they prepare to move into the world. That means we must be certain that programs and opportunities are equitable throughout the district and, once again, that students have everything they need to succeed.
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	We need to work together more closely than we do. We have made a great effort to reach out to our counterparts on the County Commission and in State government since they are one of our funding partners and often what they do affects our students directly. We will continue to be clear about what we need through our legislative agenda.
My biggest accomplishment will be	The knowledge that students are prepared for whatever is next for them no matter where they live or what school they attend.
Other comments	Having served on the Board for eight years I know how we work and have a strong "policy" background. Since we are a policy board I hope my particular knowledge set will help me get re-elected.

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Political viewpoint	Unitarian	
Favorite news source	Television, County News, Charlotte Observer and Charlotte Post	
Community involvement and leadership experience	Coordinated medical and education services in lower Delaware Founder of POWER, support organization for exceptional children and their parents. A Founder and Director of Battered Women's Shelter, Altus, OK Wrote grant for "Tumbleweed Shelter for multi-handicapped adults 1983 Churchmen of the Year, Altus, Ok 1991 Ben Craig, Outstanding Educator Award Wrote grant for Crossroads Charter High School Diversity Chairperson for NC American Association of University Women (AAUW) Legal Advocacy Board of National Board of AAUW Charlotte Coalition for Justice NAACP Legal Defense, Charlotte Board Chairperson of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Legal Redress Committee Initialed and wrote the grant for Crossroads Charter High School --# 1 proposal for 2000	
First issue I will tackle	Equal access to a quality education. I would first tackle staff development and training. In order for CMS to provide a quality education for all students, we need a trained prepared workforce. We	

	look to teachers to be the experts, therefore it is essential that for teachers to be trained to address the needs for diverse learners. Education staff need the training and support to be able to meet personal education needs of all students.
How I will impact...	
Student readiness for college, career and civic life	In order to meet to impact student readiness for college, career and civic life, students must have career exploration experiences in middle and high school as mandated by federal law. Many of our school are not prepared to offer career and workforce development experiences. Students must have various opportunities to try out occupations and explore career interest. Comprehensive vocational programs are needed.
District growth	Business and community economic development follows good schools. Addressing school failures with interventions that spell SUCCESS. I would share with fellow board members programs that work. With successful schools come job growth and business growth that will feed into the district and our school. The community must address the needs of the whole child.
School safety	I would advocate that we teach behavior and social skills needed for life and career success. There is little or no opportunities for children to learn or model social skills. Children are pushed out of school, leaving our communities vulnerable deep hurts and anger toward institutional establishments. There must be a mechanism for students to learn acceptable social skills and responses. I support due process for students as a means of teaching democratic living.
Teachers	I would institute a "hotline" for teachers to safely express their concerns and needs without fear of being penalized. Teachers with good ideas and education solutions should be recognized and the example used be part of our staff development programs.
Most important ...	
Role of public education	The role of education is to prepare a trained workforce in order for America to be able to compete global economy.
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	There are many collaborations that need to occur between CMS and local and/or state government. The most important is fiscal accountability. CMS has built large expensive schools and have abandoned them and continues to build new schools. CMS tears down solid buildings and replace them with trailers and with overcrowded schools. We need fiscal oversight, planning and accountability within local and state government.
My biggest accomplishment will be	All schools within District 4 become quality schools. I wanted my children to have the best education possible. I wanted them to be able to compete in a global economy. It is simply the golden rule. Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you. All schools should give all students academic and career advances to pursue life and happiness.

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Political viewpoint	Unaffiliated Moderate
Favorite news source	Internet
Community involvement and leadership experience	<p>CM Board of Education 2009-13, Chair 2009-11</p> <p>CMS Bond Oversight Committee, Chair</p> <p>Selwyn Elementary SLT, Chair</p> <p>CMS Superintendent's Standards Review Committee</p> <p>City of Charlotte Privatization/Competition Advisory Committee, Chair</p> <p>ASC Board member</p> <p>Anne Springs Close Greenway Management Board member</p> <p>Presbyterian Church deacon</p> <p>US Green Building Advisory Council, Charlotte Chapter</p> <p>Carolinas Freedom Foundation Advisory Council</p> <p>Charlotte Chamber Board of Advisors</p>

First issue I will tackle	<p>Our greatest opportunity is to recognize that we have a much better public school system than we give it credit for. Our graduation rate is rising, private philanthropists are partnering with us, and our students earn more scholarships each year. For too long we have allowed the extremists at both ends of the spectrum to use our school system as the community punching bag. While there are many aspects of our school system that need to improve, we have a much greater chance of</p>
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	becoming the school system we aspire to by pulling together. Public education is a team sport, not an individual one. My child's future and your child's future are linked and interdependent. Working as a team across our differences is our greatest opportunity.
How I will impact...	
Student readiness for college, career and civic life	For over a decade, CMS has distributed 30% greater resources, primarily teaching positions, to schools that serve our most challenged students, those that our society sends to CMS less prepared to learn. In addition, CMS has committed over the past 5 years to insure that our most challenged students have an equal opportunity to receive our most effective teachers through our teacher hiring and student scheduling processes. In addition, the board should continue to challenge our community to prepare all students for learning which would improve CMS' ability to serve all students to become productive contributing members of our society. For our high achieving students, the Board should expand challenging, stimulating academic programs while continuously elevating the quality and effectiveness of our teaching. This will ensure that all of our students are stretched and challenged to excel and to become future leaders.
District growth	CMS is in the position of reacting to the impact of City, County and State decisions on how those entities manage growth. I will continue to help the public understand how these entities impact each child's education. Moreover, I will continue to emphasize elevating CMS' performance as the primary goal which leads to a skilled workforce to meet the needs of our community and to create opportunities for our graduates.
School safety	I will continue to emphasize how the City is responsible for the safety of the neighborhoods where our schools reside and our students live. When we have our students in school, I will support our Superintendent and his team in creating a safe, supportive, and inviting environment for our students to excel.
Teachers	Since the vast majority of laws, regulations, and policy that impact the teaching profession are determined by the State legislature, the Board must continue to advocate for increased compensation, effective career development, constructive performance evaluation, and aggressive recruitment that will attract and reward our effective teachers and principals. Locally, the Board should elevate our community's responsibility to prepare every student for learning especially for the first day in kindergarten. Too many of our teachers must spend far too much time catching up students who do not come to CMS ready to learn. If our community, to include other local governments, would team with the CMS Board in preparing every student for school, then more teachers would stay in the profession

	and more graduates would enter education.
Most important ...	
Role of public education	The most important role of public education is to prepare the next generation of Americans to become productive, contributing leaders in our society.
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	In addition to my response to the first question, I will continue to advocate for overcoming the polarizing, partisan dysfunction that we are experiencing by viewing our education system through the eyes of our students. Through leading by example, emphasizing that we have more to gain together than separately, that our student's futures and our own are interdependent, I hope to elevate our collective commitment to public education.
My biggest accomplishment will be	I hope to provide leadership that motivates our community to make CMS the school system that our students need.

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Political viewpoint	
Favorite news source	Web
Community involvement and leadership experience	Various civic organizations.

First issue I will tackle	Constancy and accountability with the existing CMS programs. This is easy to correct and requires no money.
How I will impact...	
Student readiness for college, career and civic life	We must engage our current students and recent graduates to determine what programs (focus) CMS can provide to prepare the students for career or college.
District growth	I want to see CMS petition to have state law allow CMS to divide into smaller districts. This will have CMS become accountable to the citizens.
School safety	I will review all recommendations of the CMS police/security. We must allow for the removal of problem students from the school/class.
Teachers	This will need to be a consensus of the elected board and amount of funding available.
Most important ...	
Role of public education	Provide a quality education to our children, instill life lessons, and prepare them for a sustaining career.

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Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	we must look at how student placement affects neighborhoods. Parents in Charlotte move as a result of placement. We must look at these trends when making student assignments.
My biggest accomplishment will be	I hope to have CMS into smaller school districts. (Matthews, Mint Hill, CMS Dist. 1, etc...)

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Favorite news source	FOX News
Community involvement and leadership experience	<p>Matthews Town Board of Commissioners for 9 terms (18 years), two terms as Mayor Pro Tem</p> <p>Matthews alt. representative on MUMPO</p> <p>Matthews representative on Mecklenburg Planning Liaison Committee</p> <p>Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Commission</p> <p>Participant and supporter of Mecklenburg County Boy Scouts</p> <p>Committee Member Troop 33 Sardis Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Co-chaired annual Troop 33 BBQ for 7 years; Eagle Scout advisor</p> <p>Merit badge counselor</p> <p>Room In the Inn, Urban Ministry, and Men's Homeless Shelter through Sardis Presbyterian and St. John's Episcopal Church</p> <p>Sardis Dixie Youth Baseball T-ball and Coach Pitch coach</p> <p>Sardis Forest Swim Club Board of Directors and swim team.</p>

First issue I will tackle	Increasing graduation rates of CMS students is my primary focus. Addressing many of the issues in question 7 will increase the likelihood of graduation for many of our students.


How I will impact...	
Student readiness for college, career and civic life	The Board needs to continue its focus of increasing the percentage of students graduating from the CMS system; support programs which provide opportunities for students to understand and achieve their career goals; and ensure CMS is fulfilling the needs of our business community so to increase job opportunities for our graduates. I will pursue and support programs and spending that clearly increase student readiness for college, career and civic life.
District growth	When serving in any elected capacity the issue of growth is always present. In the case of District 6 we will not be able to influence growth because it is an economic driven issue. What we need to do is plan far enough ahead to ensure strategic school locations are established, bonds are issued for capital improvements, and establish a policy limiting infrastructure capacity (for example trailers used for classrooms do not require enhancement or addition of infrastructure) to force the development of these future plans.
School safety	Security presently in place in our schools should be examined as to its effectiveness. By implementing some additional restrictions to access we can make our schools less available to negative elements but still give our students
Teachers	Teachers, like any other professional, need to feel they are appreciated and respected for the job they are performing. This includes recognition, opportunities for continuing education, pay, and a need for direct parental involvement and building of trust among the parents of their students. I will support programs/activities that support these areas and also work with our local and state political bodies to improve the teaching profession.
Most important ...	
Role of public education	Ensure that our students have the core education required to pursue their desired career.
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	Collaboration between CMS and local/state government needs to focus on teacher pay and elevating NC above 48th in the nation in education. The relationships I have developed during 18 years of holding office and the endorsements I have from both local and state officials shows that I have the established relationships needed to effectively work out issues between CMS and the local and state legislative bodies.
My biggest accomplishment will be	I believe we can achieve a CMS average graduation rate > 90% by 2017. By reaching this goal we will have positively affected the ability of a significant number of additional students to pursue career goals.

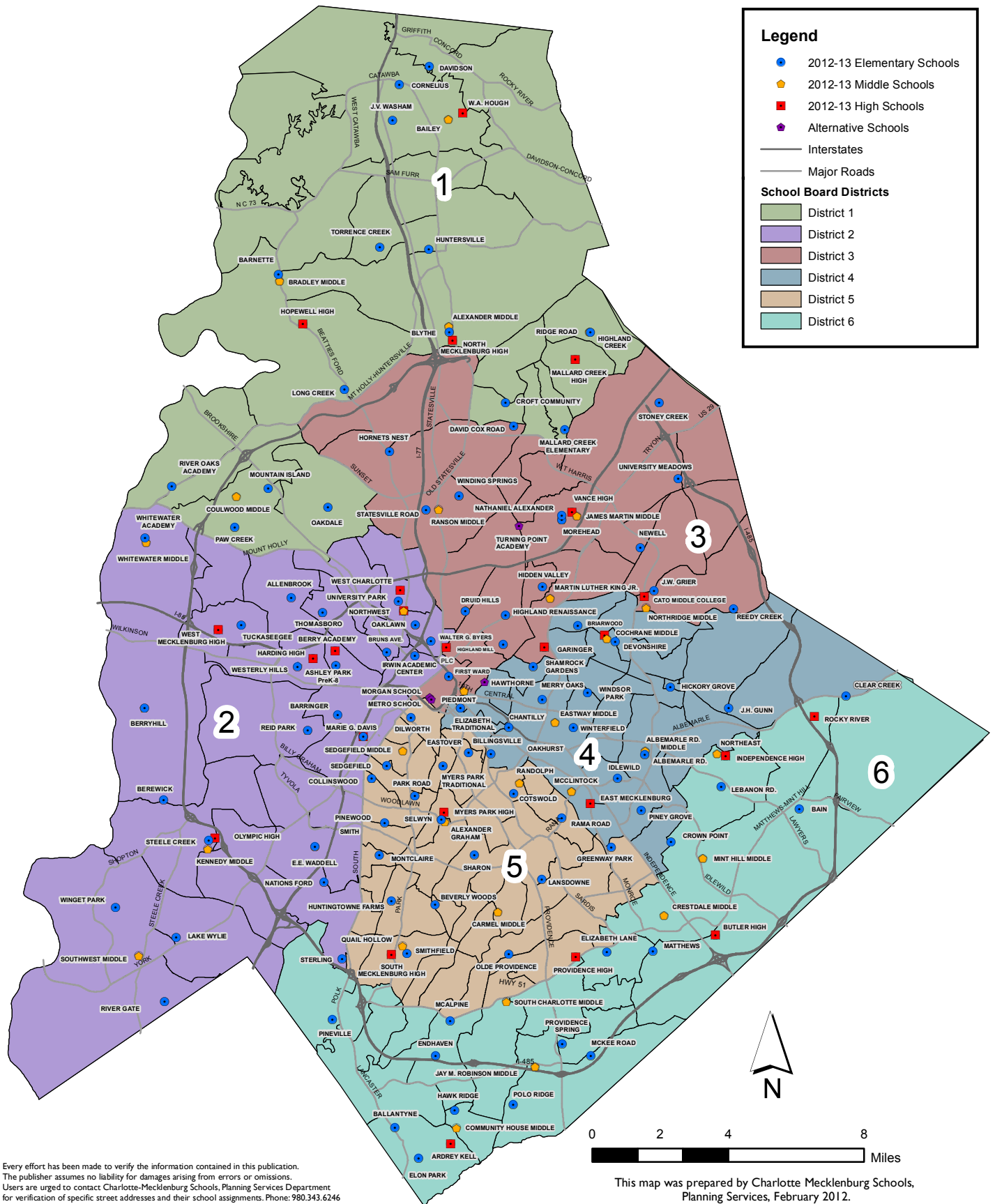
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Education	Some college
Political viewpoint	Republican
Favorite news source	online
Community involvement and leadership experience	<p>Active and heavily engaged citizen in CMS since 2005.</p> <p>2006 served on the Martin committee.</p> <p>2007, Co-chair of the \$516M School Bond Campaign.</p> <p>Member of the public panels that interviewed the 3 Superintendent candidates.</p> <p>Member of Superintendent's Way Forward Task Forces.</p> <p>I usually attend the Board and Board committee meetings.</p> <p>I support Project L.I.F.T and have donated books for the L.I.F.T library.</p> <p>Made personal donations of technology to Thomasboro ES, Hidden Valley ES and Butler HS.</p>

First issue I will tackle	Restructuring the local budget to compensate for the General Assembly's cuts.
How I will impact...	
Student readiness for college, career and civic life	The common thread linking college, career and civic life is reading comprehension. Supporting policies that enable all third graders to become enthusiastic readers is a top goal for me.
District growth	The biggest drag on CMS' efforts to reach that 90% plus graduation goal is students who enter kindergarten unprepared to communicate

	with teachers. Early Childhood Education programs are the cost effective solution to this problem. I support getting families involved in CMS as early as possible.
School safety	I prefer that Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police and forces of the other towns be responsible for school safety. I would disband CMS' police force. That solves major communication gaps in the event of something large.
Teachers	CMS made a fortunate decision hiring Dr. Heath Morrison. His job is to lead the board and in his first year he has done that well. My job would be to work on the budget so that as much money as possible goes directly to the classroom and the teachers.
Most important ...	
Role of public education	Public education is the nation's safety net. Besides being free, it is the most common avenue of fulfilling mandatory attendance. Public education never turns its back on students. Sometime public education struggles with this role, but in the end, it is the heart of our future.
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	Recently CMS and the County had a conflict over construction priorities and money. Both groups' offices are in the same building, but you wouldn't know it. It's likely to be like this for a while. It would be better to concentrate on some healing before trying for collaboration.
My biggest accomplishment will be	I favor strong neighborhood schools. Every neighborhood should be anchored by a grocery store, places to shop, places worship, recreation and of course a school everyone can identify with. I'd like to end with that process well established.

<p>School Board <i>District 6</i></p>	<p>Doug Wrona</p>	
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