



# The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education

July 10, 2025

**To: Hayley Sanon**

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education  
United States Department of Education

Dear Ms. Sanon:

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education (CMS) is deeply concerned by the decision of the U.S. Department of Education and the Office of Management and Budget to presently withhold over \$6 billion in approved federal education grants.

President Trump signed into law the congressionally approved FY 2025 Continuing Resolution (CR) in March, which maintained federal education funding at the previous year's levels. Based on that CR, CMS responsibly budgeted and planned to support our more than 141,000 students. The continued delay in releasing these funds places more than \$12 million in funds for CMS students and staff at risk. Without access to this critical funding, CMS faces two untenable options, both of which would have severe consequences for students, educators, and the broader community:

1. Understaff classroom support positions and absorb budget shortfalls for already-hired staff. Such measures will directly impact the quality of education and the ability of students to thrive academically.
2. Incur \$1 million in monthly debt, diverting resources from vital educational priorities. These funds, once redirected, cannot be recovered for student use, further worsening the challenges faced by our schools.

The U.S. Department of Education and the Office of Management and Budget's unprecedented action significantly restricts CMS's ability to use federal, state, and local funding effectively. We urgently request that these critical education funds be immediately released to school districts nationwide.

We are grateful for the North Carolina Congressional delegation's assistance to date and appreciate their continuing efforts to secure the release of these congressionally authorized funds.

Sincerely,

**Stephanie Sneed**

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education  
Chair of the Board

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