

**THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION  
2011 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education hereby adopts as its legislative priorities and requests that the North Carolina legislature take action on the following items:

**1. Providing adequate funding and budget flexibility to local school districts.**

- Minimize funding cuts to K-12 education.
- To the extent there are funding cuts, let local school districts decide how to implement those cuts (e.g., limit state-mandated line item cuts).

**2. Elevating and enhancing the teaching profession through reforms in evaluation, compensation and career status.**

- Review and reform tenure laws to ensure an appropriate balance between due process rights and the ability of local school districts to be flexible in making human capital decisions.
- Clarify evaluation standards and give local school districts the flexibility to adopt additional evaluation standards suited to their local realities.
- Examine and implement effective alternative compensation models which reward teacher performance.

**3. Providing flexibility to local school districts in reforming low-performing schools.**

- Remove existing impediments to implementing creative solutions to reform low-performing schools.
- Ensure a level regulatory playing field for public and charter schools where possible (e.g., personnel rules).

**4. Provide flexibility to local school districts with regard to establishing school calendars best-suited for their local environments.**

- Repeal calendar law.
- Enable local districts to construct school calendars governed only by state constitution parameters.

**5. Providing taxing authority for local school districts.**

- Empower local boards of education to set tax rate for the local portion of public K-12 education spending.
- Allow phase-in period for localities to make desired electoral adjustments.