The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education

February 21, 2025

Members of the Mecklenburg Delegation to the United States House of Representatives,

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The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education (CMS) writes to you today to express our deep concerns regarding the proposed cuts in the House Concurrent Resolution budget (CR) currently moving through the legislative process.

Providing a high-quality public education to all children is our mission. To achieve that mission, we need to ensure that children have access to all the resources they need to excel, not only for themselves, but for their families, and future generations of well-educated citizens.

As currently drafted, this CR requires a minimum of 10% or $860 billion to be cut from the Medicaid program over the next decade. It further proposes a significant reduction in school nutrition funding, including a dramatic change to the eligibility formula in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as part of the mandated $330 billion cuts in the Education and Workplace budget.

The proposed cuts to Medicaid will impact more than 17,000 students in your district who will lose approximately $16 million in funding. These much-needed funds provide critical services for students with disabilities as part of their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and Section 504 plans. These proposed cuts include services for 3,000 students with critical and advanced needs and the 800 educators who support them.

The proposed cuts in funding for school nutrition and changes to the Community Eligibility Provision eligibility formula will harm those families who can least afford it. More than 40,000 CMS students in more than 100 schools face the possibility of being removed from the CEP program altogether. These cuts will impact students across the state and will most impact those families in your district that can least afford to face these increased costs.

We are committed to providing every student with the tools they need to succeed, but we need your help to fight cuts that would leave many of our students with insurmountable challenges. We are committed to ensuring students receive the educational services they are entitled to under their IEPs or 504 plans. We are committed to ensuring every student has the necessary school nutrition to succeed in the classroom.

We know you share this commitment and will work with us to protect and strengthen these programs, as well as other future programs, that are so important to the students and parents in CMS and all schools in North Carolina.

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Public education is the foundation of a successful future for our community, state, and country. Citizens count and rely on a strong, well-resourced public school system.

Thank you for your attention to the important issues that will help us continue to deliver a strong public education to all students.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Sneed
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education
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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education
Chair of the Intergovernmental Relationships Committee

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