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## Office of the Superintendent Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

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Dear CMS Families and Caregivers,

I want to share with you the North Carolina School Report Cards for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, which contain data for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools includes 186 schools, making it the 16th largest school district in the nation and the second largest in North Carolina. Our district's 19,000 employees serve more than 141,000 students representing 175 countries and 146 languages.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools is fully accredited as a high-quality school system by AdvancED/Cognia. We are proud of our schools and their strong commitment to high expectations and improved student achievement at all grade levels. Our strength lies in our highly qualified employees, challenging curriculum, dedicated parents, and caring community.

As you review this report, you will see we have much to be proud of at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. In 2023-2024, the districts overall composite proficiency increased (all subjects and grades) proficiency scores increased, and five schools were ranked in the top 30 of all North Carolina schools for overall academic growth. Sixty percent of schools earned a School Performance Grade of A, B, or C, and 33 schools improved their School Performance Grade from the previous year. Additionally, many academic, athletic, and merit scholarships were offered to our Class of 2024 graduates, including scholarships to attend the most prestigious schools in our state and across the nation. Our employees are continuously recognized for making a real difference in our students' lives. There are countless areas to celebrate in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Even as we celebrate progress, we know we still have so much work left to do for all of our students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. We want to see higher college and career readiness rates among our students - in total and across student groups. We want our staff to know they are valued and to compensate them for the great work they do. We want families and the community to experience exemplary customer service every time they interact with us. We want to get better every single day.

Data for our district and the state of North Carolina can be found on the North Carolina School Report Cards website. The website also includes a <u>Data Sources and Information Guide</u> and a list of <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>. These publications describe what is included in each section of the school report card and provide more details about how to interpret and use the report card data.

The role we play in helping our students succeed and building a better tomorrow for all of us is an awesome responsibility. Our children, community, and world deserve nothing less than excellence. I assure you that I will lead by operating with clarity and candor. Excellence, integrity, and interdependence are at the core of what I





stand for. The success of our students requires the continued partnership of families and community members. Thank you for trusting the education of your student to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. As a parent and your superintendent, I will continue to focus on ensuring every student's education supports endless possibilities.

In service and partnership,

Dr. Crystal Hill, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools









