



Happy New Year, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Families!

We are excited to welcome students and staff back to school rested, recharged, and ready to close out the first semester and begin the second half of the 2024-25 academic school year.

This month, we celebrate School Board Appreciation Month in North Carolina. Here, in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, we are blessed to have a phenomenal board of education with each member dedicated to supporting our schools, students, educators and staff. Our board members are active, involved and engaged citizens, and we are grateful for their service. As a reminder, the board will meet for its regularly scheduled January meetings on Jan. 14 and Jan. 28.

Throughout the month, CMS will honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I hope you can participate in some of these observances. Also, remember that Jan. 20 is designated as the King Holiday, and all CMS schools and offices will be closed.

Congratulations are in order for two of our staff members who recently received national recognition:

- Vanessa Smith, 1st grade teacher at Croft Community School, received the Milken Educator Award
- Ericia Turner, executive director of athletics, received the NFL Inspire Change Changemaker Award

The end of the 1st semester is fast approaching for students at our traditional high schools. Let's help them finish strong as they prepare for their exams. As a reminder for parents, please be mindful of your child's exam schedule and check with your school for details or if you have questions.

As we turn the page on the calendar to a new month and a new year, let's all re-commit and re-dedicate ourselves to the goals and plans we had when the school year began in August.

Thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to the children, families, and staff of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

I am honored to serve as your superintendent and am committed to ensuring endless possibilities for every student.

In service and partnership,

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