
Let voters decide CMS bonds this year

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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools is requesting a bond referendum this year despite county commissioners' preference to wait until 2017. The League of Women Voters of Charlotte-Mecklenburg is committed to promoting equal access to a quality education for every public school student, and we are convinced CMS has compelling reasons to proceed with the bonds this year.

A recent accreditation debriefing pointed to long-term capital improvement deficiencies and cited the 1,100 mobile classrooms CMS deploys. With 78 percent of schools over capacity, there is an urgent need to remedy deficiencies that are experi-

enced unevenly across the CMS system. We urge county commissioners to act now to ensure sound accreditation for CMS and equity for all students.

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