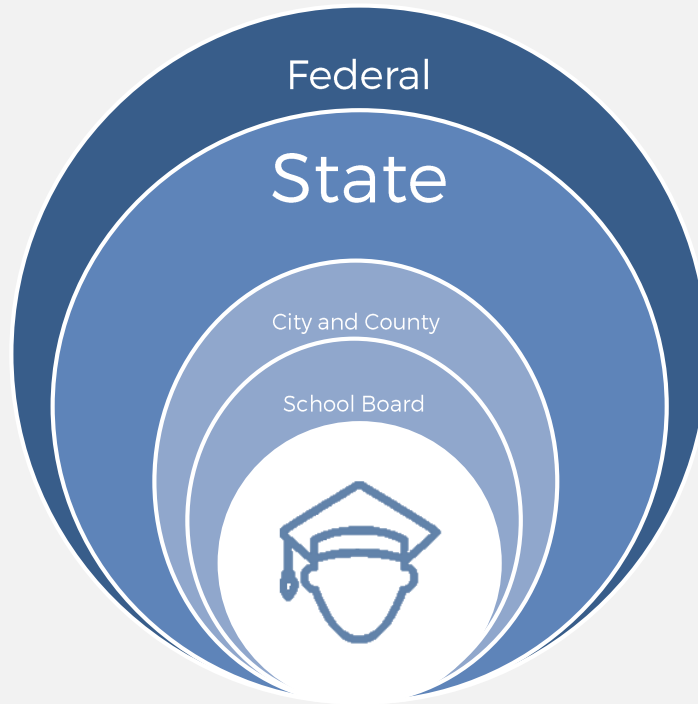
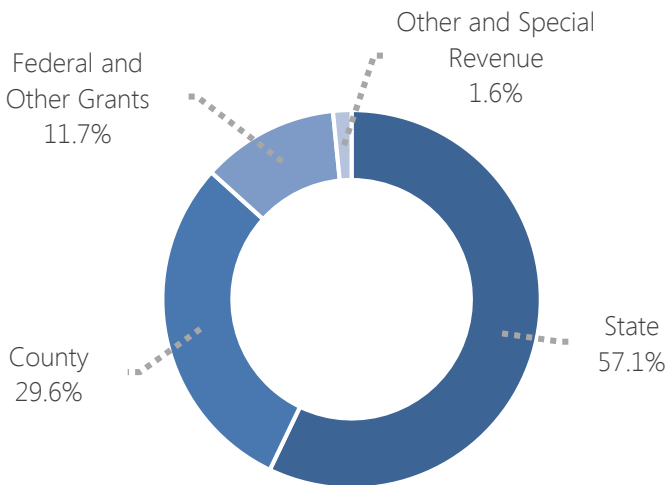


# GOVERNMENT ROLE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

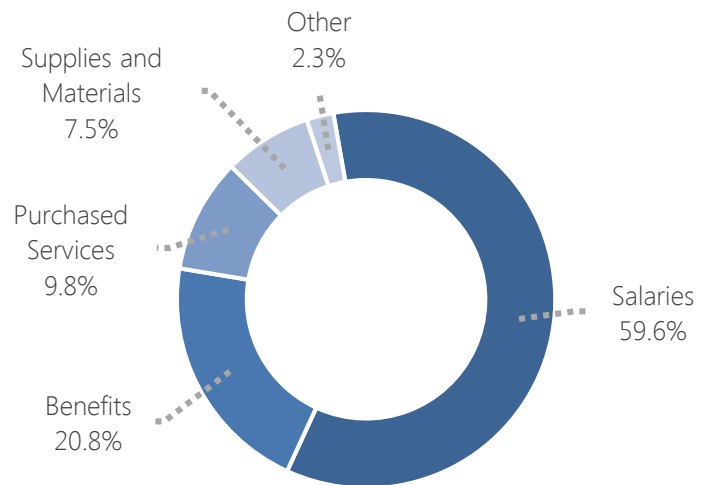


Who plays the biggest role?

Where Money Comes From For CMS Budget\*



Where Money Goes For CMS Budget\*



\*Operating Budget only – does not include Capital or Enterprise Funds

Source: 2015-16 Budget Update: Context and Budget Landscape. PowerPoint presentation. Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, Jan 27, 2015.

SCHOOL BOARD

Role in Education

- Select the Superintendent
- Allocate annual funding in the budget and prioritize capital needs
- Assign students to schools
- Policy making delegated by State
- Advocate for students

Ways to influence

- Elect officials who support public schools
- Lobby school board to support specific policies and practices, speak publicly at school board meetings, communicate with board members, and attend meetings.
- Publicly support school board decisions that you agree with.

CITY

Role in Education

- Housing policy
- Neighborhood health and stability
- Public safety

Ways to influence

- Elect officials who support public schools, advocate for City collaboration with County and CMS
- Advocate for healthy neighborhoods
- School Resource Officers

COUNTY

Role in Education

- Public health (mental, emotional, physical)
- Student preparedness for preK
- Allocate operational funding, 30% of CMS annual budget
- Capital funding

Ways to influence

- Elect officials who support public schools
- Lobby County Commissioners to support specific policies and practices, speak publicly at county commission meetings, communicate with commissioners, and attend meetings.
- Publicly support County Commission decisions you agree with.

STATE

Role in Education

*General Assembly*

- Education policy state wide
- Pay and benefits for teachers
- 57% of CMS annual Budget, most is directive
- Curriculum
- Accountability standards
- Assessment/testing requirements

*State Board/DPI*

- Implement GA statutes

*Governor*

- Leads by setting the vision

Ways to influence

- Elect officials who support public schools
- Lobby elected officials to support specific policies and practices, communicate with officials, and attend meetings.
- Publicly support decisions that you agree with.

FED

Role in Education

- Federal funding 12% of CMS budget, all directive

Ways to influence

- Elect officials who support public schools