

# Education Panel Notes

## August 15, 2022

We had a nice turnout Monday at Mecklenburg Gardens. Read the insights below.

**Importantly, we need to have a discussion about whether to endorse the most recent CPS levy. Here are the facts:**

- \$51.5 million dollars or 6.8 Mills
- Renewal due in 2023
- 10 year levy (replaces a 5 year levy)
- No increase in taxes
- Funds go into general operating funds (makes up 9.1% of operating funds)
- Increased CPS enrollment

We usually support these levies, especially if just a renewal, but we need to be open to objections.

**Through email, please make your arguments for or against this levy. I will call for a vote on August 31.**

Thanks all,  
Jeff

### Panel Meeting Insights

- College students are nihilistic, retention is tough
- Teachers mental health is critical to student mental health -- let's learn more from them
- Let's hear more from parents and students
- Could we focus on early childhood mental health work -- get preschool promise involvement
- We should partner with another org or movement that is pushing mental health
- Who else is further along in country for leading change in mental health?

Our crossroads seems to be supporting on-the-ground efforts in-school mental health so we can promote that example to others vs. leading a community-wide conversation about how to change our educational model to support mental health (the crisis in both student and teacher mental health is more proof that our educational model doesn't work in all the ways it needs to). Maybe we can do both. Several people support the idea of having a series of public meetings to highlight the importance of this issue.