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Grade	Junior
School	East Mecklenburg High School
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Favorite place in Charlotte	The Green
When not at school, am	Doing community service, hanging out with my friends and family, and studying and preparing for applying to college next year.
Leadership experience	I have been part of GenerationNation and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Youth Council, I am part of the High School Democrats of America's East Meck Chapter. I constantly try to educate myself and others on our civic duty, showing people their role in society and the way to achieve a better future.
Why I want to serve	I want to share the opinion of students in CMS with the people who make the policies that affect us all. There are many issues that need to be addressed by the CMS Board of Education and many students feel that their voices are not heard by CMS. I want to close the gap between students and CMS.
#1 thing to achieve CMS vision and mission	CMS needs to pay more attention to their students and families, addressing the many problems that affect them and their communities. Focusing on student safety and conformity to allow them to perform successfully in class and benefit from the services offered by CMS.

<p>K-12 opportunity for success</p>	<p>The system to fund schools prevent them from providing equal education and opportunities for success. Many schools are underfunded. I believe that this problem can be solved if all the schools receive equal funding instead of being benefited from the zone they are located in.</p>
<p>What does CMS do well? What could CMS do better?</p>	<p>CMS, in its majority, has great teachers that do a great work in teaching their subjects and worrying about their students. But there is a need for them to be better praised for their work. As well as there is a need for CMS to train better their administrators on the way to handle student problems.</p>
<p>CMS success I will help lift up</p>	<p>CMS has done a great job handling the COVID-19 Pandemic. Students are back in school, cases are under control, and academic success is being benefitted. To lift this up, I will encourage media sources to focus on this issue and spread the word of how CMS helps students in these hard moments.</p>
<p>CMS issue I will help solve</p>	<p>Cases of sexual assault and the way CMS has handled them gets lost of attention outside of the BoE. Students need to voice their opinions in this issue, and serious measures should be taken to ensure a safe learning environment. As advisor, I would demand for students to be heard and considered.</p>
<p>Other info</p>	<p>I moved to the US from Colombia three years ago, I have the experience of seeing two different systems. One with students being heard; in the other, they're ignored. I praise CMS' labor of hearing it's community, but this should improve, voices and concerns should be heard, especially students'.</p>