



## A Note from Dr. Mertz:

I am announcing my plan to retire from Burlington Pediatrics/Mebane Pediatrics at the end of December 2024. I am so grateful for the opportunity to have worked for this incredible medical practice and to have served in this wonderful community. My career here did not disappoint! I know I landed in a community full of kind, hard-working, grounded and diverse people.

It has been a profound privilege to have helped care for so many children over the years and I am honored that you have entrusted me to do so. I have been touched and influenced by many dear families and have loved the opportunity to see the children and even a few grandchildren of some of the first patients I saw 25 years ago! I have learned so much and I am amazed every day by the courage and strength and delight of the patients and families I get to interact with. I will cherish these memories. Thank you.

I have had the chance to work with the best staff in town. The BP/MP family has been so kind to me and have made my work a pleasure. The practice is full of fantastic and dedicated professionals from the physicians, advance practitioners, care management staff, clinical nursing staff, administrative and billing staff, and our top-notch management team. It really takes a family to do what we do. I love and respect what everyone does to care for our patients and your reputation proceeds you. I am especially grateful to our team at the Webb Avenue office and thank you all for your compassion and your professionalism.

I would also like to thank my partners both past and present for being such excellent pediatricians and visionary physician leaders. I am in awe of what you have accomplished and continue to do. This practice is a standout in North Carolina, and it has been an honor to do my part in helping maintain the strength of this practice. We have passed through many storms together, but the partners have kept the focus on excellence and serving our patients. I am proud of the fact that we have never closed our doors and are continuing to seek new and better ways to deliver care in our offices.

I will miss everyone so much but know that the future is bright!

Dr. David Mertz