

NASHVILLE NOW

GREAT CITY. GREAT SCHOOLS.

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN NASHVILLE

Nashville is truly a city on the move – attracting new residents, businesses, and investment as never before – and with a creative community sharing our music, art, culture, and tourism with visitors and fans from all around the world.

Yet, despite all of our great success, there is a vital area of the Nashville community that urgently needs our collective attention and support: Our Public Schools.

WE BELIEVE THAT TO BE A TRULY GREAT CITY - WE MUST ALSO HAVE GREAT SCHOOLS – FOR ALL STUDENTS

At graduation, 100% of our Metro Nashville Public Schools students should be ready for college or a career. But most of our students are not ready and too many of our public schools are not improving – with static test scores, declining enrollments, a rising number of low-performing priority schools, growing community frustration, and too many Nashville families now fleeing our public schools for other options.

That is why we as business and community leaders, parents and educators, elected officials and faith leaders are joining together to support our schools, to refocus on results, and to unite and activate behind these simple principles:

- 1** We will have a **functional School Board in sync with its Director of Schools and our Mayor**, together offering a clear vision, a plan, and leadership fully focused on improving academic outcomes for ALL students;
- 2** We will work to create a **city-wide system of high quality public schools** that eliminates the need for ANY student - no matter their neighborhood or zip code - to travel across town or transfer to a different county to receive an excellent education;
- 3** **We will grow what works** - celebrating and replicating our best schools and the best practices that are successfully preparing students for college, career, and life.

We see the hard work taking place by students and teachers in our classrooms each day. We know by working together, we can create the kind of positive changes we want and need for ALL students. **We can do this! But, it is going to take all of us.**

THE TIME IS **NOW** TO COME TOGETHER. PLEASE JOIN US!

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