

Superintendent's Report
October 14, 2013

We at Jefferson County Public Schools have a vision – all students graduate prepared to reach their full potential and contribute to society throughout life. We have worked toward realizing this goal during the past two years by developing and diligently implementing our Strategic Plan: Vision 2015. The 2013-14 school year is our year for action.

This year, JCPS met its Kentucky Department of Education annual measurable objective for the first time in history. Our other Unbridled Learning results include:

- 75 of our schools also met their individual improvement targets.
 - This includes 13 of JCPS's 18 Priority Schools.
- Our percentage of college- and career-ready students rose to 51.2%, a more than 19% increase since the 2010-11 school year.
- Our 2012-13 graduation rate was 76.5% under the new cohort model.

While we are encouraged by the recent results, we are certainly not satisfied. We know that every child, every teacher, and every school must improve in order for us to achieve our vision. Here are three of the new initiatives helping us in our pursuit of proficiency for all.

- **Extended Learning Time** – The Jefferson County Board of Education committed \$5 million to provide extended learning time opportunities at all of our Priority schools and other select schools throughout the district. The initiative will offer up to 198 additional hours of learning for students who need it most.
- **Schools of Innovation** – As one of four KDE-designated Districts of Innovation, JCPS is conducting a communitywide competition to develop innovative ideas for the creation of a School of Innovation.
- **Louisville Linked** – This unique program, which is also a part of our Districts of Innovation effort, matches the needs of students and families with services offered by more than 100 community, governmental, and nonprofit organizations in one step.

I would also like to mention our **Every 1 Reads** program, which is a community-wide effort to have every child in Jefferson County Public Schools reading at or above grade level. Volunteers may call (502) 485-3710 or register at <https://webapps.jefferson.kyschools.us/Every1Reads>.

On October 9, 2013, Mayor Greg Fischer presented the ***Mayor's Spirit of Louisville Award*** to Jefferson County Public Schools for their leadership role with the 2013 Give a Day week of service.

Agenda Item V.U. on tonight's agenda is a recommendation to approve the naming of the playground at Watson Lane Elementary School. We would like to recognize Dr. Rosemarie Young and family and friends who are attending tonight.

At this time, I recommend the consent calendar for your consideration.

