

Superintendent's Report

July 27, 2015

Vice Chair Diane Porter, members of the Board; it is my pleasure to call your attention to a few items of special interest.

I would also like to congratulate Ms. Rosemary Miller and Dr. Bob Rodosky on their retirement. Ms. Miller has been with the District since 1984 and Dr. Rodosky since 1983. Thanks to both of you for your years of service on behalf of our students and staff.

I would like to recognize Dr. Timir Banerjee and his wife, Elaine, community partners in education, for their outstanding contribution to Jefferson County Public School District students. The District extends its sincere appreciation to Timir and Elaine Banerjee for their commitment, support, and diligent efforts in providing opportunities for JCPS students to attend college and be successful contributors to our community and world.

I would also like to recognize Mrs. Jessie Daniels, widow of Minor Daniels, who is in attendance this evening. Minor Daniels was a JCPS teacher and administrator actively involved in the community for many years. He served as a teacher at Meyzeek Middle School and as an administrator in various positions, including Director of Community Organization and Neighborhood Operations where he assisted in establishing Neighborhood Stations, now named Neighborhood Places. Mr. Daniels was passionate about transforming the community so that everyone would have an opportunity to better themselves. Mr. Daniels grew up in the Russell and Portland neighborhoods and graduated from Louisville Male High School.

I would like to thank our employees and students for their generous contributions to the 2015 WHAS Crusade for Children which totaled \$102,007.54. Employee contributions totaled \$76,903.89, including the bus compounds at \$36,899.89. Student contributions totaled \$25,103.65.

One of our goals this year is to enroll 3500 students in Early Childhood Education by Day 1. I am pleased to announce that we have exceeded 3,625. We are hoping to approach 4,000 by the start of school.

In updating the *Success Pathways* timeline:

- All students have been reviewed for appropriate placement.
- The staffing process is continuing.
- The Success Pathways Institute was held July 22-24, 2015.
- In regard to building modifications, the middle school is complete and the high school is nearly complete.

- Tonight, we are asking your approval to rebrand the school as *Minor Daniels Academy*.

We now have 15 days before the 2015-16 first day of school on Wednesday, August 12.

[Countdown to First Day of School - August 12, 2015](#)

Vice Chair Porter, this concludes my report and my recommendation for approval of the consent agenda later in the meeting.