

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between
Louisville Metro Government
And
Jefferson County Public Schools

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between Louisville Metro Government and Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) committing to partner on the Promise Zone initiative to revitalize West Louisville. The MOU will take effect once a designation is made for the duration of the designation. The commitments in the MOU will be reviewed annually and amended in writing as necessary.

Louisville Metro Government and JCPS understand and agree that (i) if the Promise Zone is not designated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), this MOU will have no further effect, and (ii) JCPS is required by law and Jefferson County Board of Education ("Board") policy to submit this MOU to the Board for review and approval, and therefore the responsibilities and obligations of JCPS as set forth in this MOU are expressly conditioned upon such approval of the terms of this MOU by the Board.

Purpose of Promise Zone

Promise Zones are a HUD initiative created to revitalize high-poverty communities across the county by creating jobs, increasing economic activity, improving educational opportunities, reducing serious and violent crime, leveraging private capital, and assisting local leaders in navigating federal programs. For communities selected, the federal government will help the Promise Zones access the resources and expertise they need.

Louisville Metro Government

Louisville Metro Government is committed to making Louisville a city of lifelong learning and great jobs, a healthy city, and a compassionate community. With this commitment, Louisville Metro Government has identified the nine neighborhoods of West Louisville as a Promise Zone. This area will greatly benefit from the designation and will accelerate and strengthen current efforts of community revitalization. Further, Louisville Metro Government is committed to use and leverage resources within the city to accomplish the goals outlined in its Promise Zone proposal.

Commitment to Improve Education

Education is the cornerstone of the economy and the basis on which we reach our full human potential. The more than 100,000 students who attend Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) are the foundation of our city's future – the success of Louisville's economy and the future quality of life in Louisville depend on them. To win in the 21st century global economy, Louisville students need to be competitive with their peers throughout the world. Louisville Metro Government and JCPS have joined forces to create a mutually accountable partnership that supports success in school and life by ensuring children in West Louisville and across the district are:

READY FOR SCHOOL – More children enter kindergarten ready to learn.

SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL – More youth graduate from high school ready for college and careers.

PREPARED TO SUCCEED – More youth enter college (postsecondary education) and complete certificates or degrees.

COMMUNITY GOALS	METRICS	Promise Zone BASELINE
More children enter kindergarten ready to learn	Increase the percentage of Promise Zone children entering Kindergarten deemed “Ready” on statewide Brigance Screen	38.8% School Year 2015-2016
More youth graduate from high school ready for college and careers	Increase the percentage of Promise Zone students who graduate on time (in 4 years)	92% School Year 2014-2015
	Increase the percentage of Promise Zone students scoring college/career ready on state test	37.5% School Year 2014-2015
More youth enter college (postsecondary education) and complete certificates or degrees	Increase the percentage of Promise Zone graduates who enroll in postsecondary education	39% School Year 2014-2015

This joint commitment is made with the knowledge that it takes us all (home, community, school) working together in order to provide every child the opportunity to succeed.

Greg Fischer, Mayor
*Louisville/Jefferson County Metro
Government*

Date

Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent
Jefferson County Public Schools

Date