

Board Report  
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### **Visit to Newburg Community Center, 8/16/2016**

Community Center Director Mr. Keith Abell has made the Center a welcoming place for community members of all ages, including JCPS students throughout the summer and after the school day and, most recently, during the school day itself through his partnership with neighboring Newburg Middle School. Some NMS students actually spend part of their school day and in-class time in classes and programming held at the center. Thanks to Councilwoman Barbara Shanklin, the many brand new improvements to the center have made it an even more welcoming and usable space to benefit JCPS students and staff, and the broader community.

### **Prichard Committee GCIPL, 8/19/2016**

The newest Prichard Committee class of the Governor's Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership kicked off on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. As a GCIPL Fellow, I was honored to join Superintendent Donna Hargens, along with Prichard Committee Executive Director Brigitte Blom Ramsey and guests from the Mayor's Office and the Gheens Foundation in welcoming this new group of parent leaders as GCIPL engages them in becoming important "links in solving the proficiency puzzle."

### **Toyota – National Center for Families Learning: Family Learning Project at Okolona Elementary School**

The Toyota NCFL-sponsored Family Learning Program is alive and well in Louisville, and is an important community partner in promoting student success by engaging families. The Family Learning Program includes ESL classes for adults, GED prep classes, children's educational programming, and parenting workshops designed to give parents tools to help their children succeed in school. In addition to programs at the Main Library, JCPS Okolona Elementary School is a welcoming host for these programs. Note that no form of ID is necessary to enroll in these community programs.

### **Local Progress Visit with First Steps/Family Resource Center, 8/23/2016**

Danielle Adams, a coordinator with the DC-based organization Local Progress, spent time with me during her visit to Louisville learning about the impressive array of wrap-around services provided to Jefferson County Public Schools students through community partnerships with Seven County Services, Neighborhood Place, and others, and the essential work of our Jefferson County Family Resource Centers in engaging additional resource organizations through Louisville Linked and other programs. Danielle was impressed with the number of instructional and social support staff, and described the work going on in Jefferson County as "a model for the country." Thank you to Camp Taylor/Medora Family Resource Coordinator Stephanie Hooper for sharing her expertise and enthusiasm during Ms. Adams' visit.

### **School Visits:**

Thanks to the principals, staff, and students of Camp Taylor, Hartstern, Indian Trail, Okolona, Rangeland and Slaughter Elementary Schools, and to Newburg and Thomas Jefferson Middle Schools for their warm welcomes during my start-of-the-school-year board member visits! Staff at many of the schools I've visited so far have described the 2016 start-up as their smoothest yet. I'm looking forward to additional District 6 school visits ahead!