

Board Report
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KSBA Winter Symposium, December 2-3

Attended to complete training requirements and to network and learn from KSBA presenters and school board colleagues across the state.

JCPS Facilities Needs Committee Meeting, December 6

Attended this meeting at Indian Trail Elementary School to hear the JCPS management presentation and listen to the committee discussion. A broad range of community stakeholder groups are represented on the committee. I appreciate the broad community commitment to JCPS, and the opportunity to meet many of our community partners prior to their meeting.

Orientation for New Jefferson County Board of Education Members, December 10

Attended this session for a refresher overview of Kentucky public school law and JCPS finances, and to welcome aboard our newly elected members, Benjamin Gies and Chris Kolb.

KY Alliance Against Racist and Political Oppression Unity Dinner, December 10

It was inspiring to attend this annual celebration recognizing and honoring many of Louisville's Civil Rights heroes. Congratulations to Tom Moffatt for receiving the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of his longtime commitment to civil rights in general, and public education equity in particular. I'm grateful for Tom's continuing advocacy efforts with regard to this Board, and it was an honor to be present for his public recognition. I also appreciated the opportunity for conversation during the evening with Metro Council members Bill Hollander, Rick Blackwell, and Mary C. Wooldridge, Mayor Greg Fischer, several JCPS students, along with many longtime Louisville civil and human rights advocates (Councilwoman Wooldridge was another honoree for her long commitment to public service and human rights.)

By All Means Project Meeting, December 12

I am part of a Behavioral Health project work group as part of my participation on the Mayor's Cradle to Career Cabinet. The work group represents a broad cross-section of community involvement including city government, JCPS, public health, and several health/human services agencies. At yesterday's meeting we received an update on Louisville's status with regard to the Say Yes initiative. To summarize, the timeline for partnership discussions with regard to Louisville's consideration for Say Yes has been extended to resolve two remaining issues: 1) pending questions regarding leadership transition related to local election results, and 2) the city is seeking parameters for a scholarship that are both feasible for our community and in line with the Say Yes goal of universal scholarships.

Panel Discussion featuring U.S. Secretary of Education John King, December 13, 2016

The panel featured Rep. Yarmuth, Mayor Fischer, School Board Chair Jones, educators and a student from Goldsmith Lane ES, NAACP President Raoul Cunningham, and Louisville business leaders. The focus of the discussion was Louisville's and JCPS's longtime commitment to diversity and inclusion in education, with Secretary King, Representative Yarmuth and others highlighting the necessity and importance of maintaining the commitment.