

Board Report  
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**Newburg Ministerial Association 3/11/2017**

Attended the monthly meeting, learned about community events and concerns, fielded questions about the school board's position on legislation, particularly concerning the "Neighborhood" Schools Bill and Charter Schools, and encouraged community participation in JCPS schools.

**Carter G. Woodson Academy 3/14/2017**

Toured the school on the invitation of Mrs. Rosz Akins, and had an opportunity to speak with administrators, teachers, and students, all of whom communicated very positive messages about their school. There was a lot of common ground in remarks about the school's success: the support of the BMW Academy, the unflagging commitment of Mrs. Akins herself, small class size, individualized attention, attracting and retaining highly skilled teachers, and high expectations. Our visit was cut short (I arrived late; Mrs. Akins had to leave early to make an unexpected television appearance), and I have requested a follow-up meeting for more conversation with Mrs. Akins.

**Voices of Louisville 3/14/2017**

Attended the regular weekly meeting, fielded questions about the school board's position on the "Neighborhood" Schools Bill and Charter Schools, and encouraged community participation in JCPS schools.

**RISE! Conference 3/18/2017**

Participated in the first "RISE! Re-Imagining Special Education" conference, held at the Muhammad Ali Center. Participants included educators, community advocates and supporters, family members, and students, including several representatives of the Prichard Committee Student Voice Team. The main focus of the event was engagement in honest and safe discussions of ECE education barriers, challenges, and successes across role groups. From my perspective, the highlight of the event and what made it successful was the centrality of student voice. One ECE student spoke about the importance – and rarity – of engaging the student in all discussions of how best to meet the individual student's needs. I would suggest that this is a lesson that applies to every aspect of education, not just ECE.

**NOTE:** I missed the 3/17/2017 meeting of the Cradle to Career Cabinet due to a work commitment. I'm gathering information about items discussed from various attendees.

**Schools:**

**Marion C. Moore 3/15/2017**

Attended the first Moore International Cultural Fair, a joyous and uplifting celebration of diversity and inclusiveness. "Many cultures, one school!"

**Male Traditional HS 3/21/2017**

School visit.

**George C. Unselde Early Childhood Education Center 3/21/2017**

School visit.