

Superintendent's Report

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Chair Brady, Members of the Board, thank you for the opportunity to present the Superintendent's Report.

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Congratulations to Dr. Marty Pollio, who begins as Acting Superintendent on July 2. Tonight's consent agenda contains a job description for a *Special Assistant to the Superintendent*. If approved, Dr. Pollio will assume that transition role on June 1.

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Tomorrow is the last day of the 2016-17 school year. At 5:00 p.m. – the graduations will begin. An estimated 6,344 students will cross the stage and officially become JCPS alum. Congratulations to the students and their families.

Thank you to the JCPS faculty and staff and families who provided the insulation and support to help these students successfully move through the Cradle to Career Pipeline.

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Here is the Board's dashboard which provides information on staff and student attendance, staff vacancies, and referrals and suspensions. Time spent on learning is critical to the success of our students. *Quick note: overall referrals up 41 percent, suspensions up 11 percent.*

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The Kentucky TELL Survey is administered to teachers every two years. In order for the surveys to be reportable, a school/district must have at least a 50 percent response rate. For 2017, Jefferson County Public Schools had a 78.65 percent response rate. This rate is slightly up from the JCPS 2015 response rate (76.45 percent), but below the state response rate (90.95 percent).

The percent of staff that agreed with the statement, "Overall, my school is a good place to work and to learn" was 84.7 percent, which is about the same as 2015 (84.4 percent).

The area that had the highest average agreement level was "Instructional Practices and Support" (87.74 average agreement). The area that had the lowest average agreement level was "Time" (73.34 percent average agreement). This chart has the averages of the responses for each category.

The District and schools review the TELL Survey data to identify areas for continuous improvement.

Louisville Linked, a system to link supports with student needs, provides the insulation around the academic pipeline. Here is the latest report — 80,761 links were made through the ninth pupil month serving 146 schools/sites and 26,287 students.

I attended the Harvard By All Means Spring Convening May 17-19 with Dr. Lisa Willner, John Marshall, Florence Chang, and Jonathan Lowe. The Harvard By All Means Project brings together leaders from six cities—Louisville, KY; Oakland, CA; Providence, RI; and Salem, Somerville, and Newton, MA—and connects them with the expertise of Harvard faculty and national leaders. By All Means is dedicated to helping communities figure out how to achieve systemic, integrated improvements in services for children.

Strategies for systemic change include creating student-centered, customized learning experiences; integrating social, emotional, and health services with education; providing expanded learning and enrichment experiences for all children; and creating governance structures that will support this integrated model of services.

Other participants included:

- Brent McKim, JCTA
- Louisville Metro Government representatives - Chief Community Builder Yvette Gentry, Chief Resilience Officer, Eric Friedlander, Ashley Parrott, Mayor's Office
- Sadiqa Reynolds, Louisville Urban League
- Mary Gwen Wheeler, 55,000 Degrees
- Theresa Reno-Weber, Metro United Way
- Michael Gritton, KentuckianaWorks
- Representatives from Philanthropic Organizations - Mason Rummel and James Graham Brown

At the May 9 Board meeting, the Board approved a donation of facilitation services by The Fund to explore the School on FIRE concept from Eminence Independent Schools through a series of four meetings. Yesterday was meeting #2 as we traveled to Eminence. There will be two additional sessions with a recommendation to the Board in July about proceeding or not with the exploration process.

In June, you will be receiving an overview of the Males of Color Academy design from consultant Rosz Aiken. Thanks to those who traveled to Fayette County to visit the Carter G. Woodson Academy.

Chair Brady, I am recommending for approval the consent agenda later in the meeting.