

Board Report
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Cradle to Career Cabinet Meeting, August 9th

As previously reported, what we have been talking about as “Say Yes” or “Weiss Insitute” work will roll out as *The Louisville Promise*. The Promise is the creation of a scholarship fund so that every JCPS graduate can afford at least two years of college or additional career training, as well as a broad community partnership to deliver the support every student needs to be successful and independent. At the August 9th meeting, the Cabinet heard a recommendation to re-name the Cradle to Career Cabinet the Louisville Promise Cabinet.

The August 9th meeting, held at Metro United Way, focused on equity. There is broad understanding among the Cabinet members that the Louisville Promise work is, at its core, about equity, providing equitable supports for students and their families, and closing opportunity gaps.

JCBOE Finance Committee Meeting, August 10

The Finance Committee is continuing its deep dive in JCPS revenue. At the August 10th meeting, the committee took a close look at the cumulative impact of lost revenue to the district by past recommendations for the board to approve a compensating tax rate, keeping revenues the same even as expenses rise, funding from the state decreases, and federal funding plateaus.

Metro Council “Moment of Unity,” August 13

As a response to the violence in Charlottesville, VA prompted by the ideology and actions of white supremacist hate groups, the Metro Council hosted a non-partisan gathering for mourning and healing. Elected officials of both parties, both state and local, along with faith leaders and other community leaders offered statements denouncing white supremacy and the racist policies and practices that sustain hate and violence and diminish us all. There was a large and diverse community turnout. I was honored to participate in this community moment as a locally elected official, and as a member of the Jefferson County Board of Education.

Schools

I’m feeling the enthusiasm of the new school year at every school visit! I’m excited to hear so many JCPS employees embracing the language of “I love my job, and I’m really, really, really good at it” and directing that full-on commitment to the success of every student. I’ve attended Back to School Bashes, open houses, and first day of school drop-ins. The schools I’ve visited so far this new school year, some more than once: Camp Taylor ES, Gilmore Lane ES, Hartstern ES, Indian Trail ES, Marion C. Moore School, Newburg MS, Price ES, Rangeland ES, Slaughter ES, Smyrna ES, and the George C. Unseld Early Childhood education center. Looking forward to more visits in the days and weeks ahead!