

# THE CRAIG FIRM

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Kevin Brown  
General Counsel  
Jefferson County Board of Education  
3332 Newburg Road  
Louisville, Kentucky 40218

**Re: Jefferson County Board of Education District 3**

Dear Mr. Brown:

Serving on the Jefferson County Board of Education is one of the greatest honors of my life. It also requires sacrifice. Public service demands personal and professional tradeoffs, and I have accepted them because our work is important. Today, however, new opportunities have emerged that I must pursue. After eight years of service to JCPS, I believe now is the right time to do so. Therefore, tonight is my last meeting as a member of the Board.

I came to JCPS because I believe in public education. My children have had great success here, for which I am deeply grateful. My son graduated from Eastern High School last month as a valedictorian, and my daughter is a rising eighth grader with a bright future at Crosby Middle School. Their success reflects a collective effort that defines JCPS at its best. I have worked to make the same positive outcomes possible for every child in our city.

During my time on the Board, we faced extraordinary challenges. We navigated the COVID-19 pandemic and addressed a transportation crisis. We invested in twenty-five new schools and modernized dozens of others. We expanded paid family leave. We made safety a top priority and demanded zero-tolerance for guns in schools. We improved postsecondary readiness, as measured by the Kentucky Department of Education, from 49 percent in 2018 to 87 percent for the class of 2026. My priorities have always been students, teachers, and families. I am proud of this work.

I leave with gratitude for the voters of District 3 who gave me the opportunity to serve. Thank you to my friends and neighbors who helped elect me, and to the many mentors, colleagues, and community members whose wisdom shaped my decisions. Thank you to our JCPS teachers for your constant professionalism and for welcoming me into your classrooms. Thank you to our parents and families for trusting me with your children's education. And thank you to the students of JCPS for opening your minds and putting in the hard work. My service on the Board is ending, but my commitment to JCPS and public education is stronger than ever.

Sincerely,



James Craig