

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2018

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

SPONSORED BY: Scott Reed, District 16

WHEREAS, the success and progress of the students of Louisville Metro should be the focus of all discussions towards addressing decades long problems such as a growing achievement gap, the failure to meet basic literacy skills for 32% of incoming fourth grade students for whom English is their primary language, and continued failure to improve graduation rates for minority high school students.

WHEREAS, we hope that the State Board of Education, the Jefferson County Board of Education, Jefferson County Teachers Association, community leaders and all parents and teachers will help demonstrate the importance of constructive dialogue and compromise.

WHEREAS, Marty Pollio, Ed.D., was selected by the Jefferson County Board of Education to serve as the acting superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) beginning in July, 2017, and was named permanent superintendent in February, 2018.

WHEREAS, under the authority granted under KRS 158.785, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) conducted a management review of JCPS in August, 2016, and a subsequent management audit in April, 2017.

WHEREAS, initial findings of the management audit were released on September 20, 2017, and JCPS submitted final corrective action plans on October 31, 2017, with the final findings only recently published.

WHEREAS, while the final findings of the management audit identified deficiencies and JCPS readily states they recognize institutional short comings that must be corrected, we trust our current appointed superintendent to review and correct these problems.

WHEREAS, under Dr. Pollio's leadership, the district has had a strong focus on compliance, working intensely and collaboratively with KDE to address issues surrounding the district's corrective action plans, with very positive results.

WHEREAS, the progress that has been made in only 10 months by Superintendent Pollio and the democratically-elected Jefferson County Board of Education should continue to focus on improving teaching and learning for all students in the district and include being open to new and creative ideas to ensure that all of our community's children have an opportunity to grow

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The unique importance of maintaining locally-elected school board members, who are accountable to members of this community and who can offer advice and assistance to the superintendent of public schools is hereby recognized.

SECTION II: The progress to improve the educational opportunities for JCPS students under the leadership of Superintendent Pollio is hereby commended and applauded.

SECTION III: While many challenges remain, support for and collaboration between the current JCPS leadership team, the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Board of Education, the entire Jefferson County delegation and community leaders should continue and include a round table discussion by all parties to move towards improved outcomes

SECTION IV: A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Matt Bevin and each member of the Kentucky Board of Education, Jefferson County Delegation, Jefferson County Board of Education and JCPS Superintendant Marty Pollio

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