



Good Morning Everyone!

As many of you surely saw, Kentucky's interim education commissioner recommended on Monday that the state take over JCPS. We disagree with this recommendation and have put out a statement to the media and on social media reflecting that and our support of JCPS Superintendent Dr. Marty Pollio. Regardless of the outcome of this recommendation, Metro United Way will continue to partner with JCPS to empower every student to reach their full potential.

Statement from Theresa Reno-Weber:

"Metro United Way was disappointed to learn that Kentucky's interim education commissioner recommended a state take-over of the Jefferson County Public School system. We have long partnered with JCPS on issues facing the district, and feel the commissioner's recommendation, though inclusive of compliments for JCPS Superintendent Dr. Marty Pollio's leadership, insufficiently accounts for the vision and action that Dr. Pollio has enacted in his short time in office to address many of the audit findings. The same issues we fight as a community – health, education, financial stability -- are rooted in opportunities that JCPS addresses everyday. With nearly half of all children entering kindergarten already "off-track," there is no quick fix to the issues that JCPS faces as they are community-wide, social issues that every citizen of Jefferson County must help address. There are many ways the state can assist JCPS and our community that do not require the removal of local control. We encourage the Kentucky Board of Education to reject the recommendation for state management of JCPS and instead work in support of Dr. Pollio, our elected officials, and the many JCPS partners to create an environment where all children can thrive."

Thank you!

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