

What should be the role of City government and the Mayor in public education?

This forum explored the existing, potential, and desired roles of City government and the Mayor, and assessed their impact on public education.

Key Findings:

- There is no formal role for the Mayor and the City government in public education.
- There is a lack of coordination and communication between the leadership in city government and the leadership of the school district. There are also many different efforts by private sector stakeholders in public education; however, these are all separate efforts rather than a comprehensive initiative.
- There has always been a clear relationship between socio-economic factors and the success rates of children in public education. Poverty, affordable housing and economic development are areas that the Mayor and City government can provide support for the community, which will positively impact the school district.

Action Plan:

- The committee's primary course of action is to create a report that calls for the need to discuss bold, visionary changes and provides starting points for those discussions.
- The committee will present the report to the JCCI Education Study committee, The Duval County School Board, Superintendent John Fryer, Jacksonville's City Council and the newly elected Mayor of Jacksonville. Members of the JCCI *Forward* Issue Forum will be provided with the report and encouraged to present to organizations beyond those listed above.
- The committee will provide copies of the report to the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce and JCCI to be disbursed accordingly, and respectively, to civic organizations, the media, and the general public. The committee will link the report to the JCCI *Forward* website.

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