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Cleveland Branch NAACP Supports Cleveland Schools' Reorganization Plan

The Cleveland NAACP voted unanimously last night during its General Membership meeting to support The Cleveland Municipal School District Academic Transformation Plan.

“Education is a key tool for students in Cleveland to excel in today’s world. And, it is the only way they can be prepared to compete with youngsters around the area, around the state and around the world.” said George L. Forbes, Esq., President of the Cleveland NAACP. “We invited Cleveland School CEO, Dr. Eugene Sanders to our meeting last night to explain his plan and why he was making this very important recommendation now, and he shared the grime facts about the current situation and the NAACP agreed with his assessment,” Forbes went on to say.

Dr. Sanders shared the performance data of the schools today, including the very poor graduation rates and low student performance. The CEO outlined the work that went into the process of developing the plan. He also talked specifically about the process used to rank the schools and what the steps will be to move forward. The participants at the meeting asked some great questions and Dr. Sanders answered them well. On a couple of questions where he did not have an answer he agreed to get back to the Branch.

“It appears the District has studied this issue from all angles and they are sensitive to the issues that people are presenting, including the safety concerns. The CEO made a very compelling argument on what is needed, and the alternatives,” said Stan Miller, Executive Director of the Cleveland Branch. “Most of the issues that are being raised in opposition to the plan are community issues in which the schools have little or no control”, Miller went on to say.

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