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Cleveland SCLC Chapter Supports Cleveland Schools' Academic Transformation Plan

The Cleveland Chapter of SCLC supports the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Academic Transformation Plan. One of the primary goals of SCLC is the educational success and future of our youth. Our activities are tantamount to the transformational goals of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. They are:

- a. Accomplish systematic changes that improve public education*
- b. Provide programming principal to improved educational outcomes for students and schools*
- c. Develop policies and assist schools in reducing negative impacts of race on educational achievements and the life course*
- d. Assure that qualified low-income students have the opportunity to attend college*
- e. Improve personal supports for low-income youth, thereby improving educational performance and decreasing participation in violence and substance abuse*

The support of the Academic Transformation Plan that was presented to the public on January 5, 2010 by Dr. Eugene Sanders, CEO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District allows the SCLC Cleveland Chapter to take an active role in support of the everyday work of schools located in our city. We believe this plan will improve levels of education for the youth of our city, and allow the Cleveland Chapter to gain essential access to support the educational endeavors of our students.

Dr. Sanders states, *"The Transformation Plan is a defining moment for the future of our schools and our community. We cannot continue to take incremental steps towards educating our students, but we must take bold steps in planning to ensure high quality educational experiences for all children."*

Reverend Theophilus Caviness, President & CEO of the SCLC Cleveland Chapter stresses that *"the chapter fully endorses the Transformation Plan as a vehicle to provide significant opportunities for the children of our city and for our future."*

The Struggle Continues