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IPS Superintendent Resume

The appointment of a new IPS superintendent is critically important to IPS and to Indianapolis as a whole. Thus, it is incredibly important that someone be chosen who is of the highest quality and who represents the vision of the whole city and all of its students, parents, and communities.

In the last few weeks, there have been four public meetings. One was sponsored by us, the IPS Community Coalition, at the MLK Center, and three have been sponsored by IPS.

Truly unfortunately, Stand for Children and The Mind Trust have successfully pushed for their perspectives to be very well heard at the IPS sponsored meetings by flooding them with their employees and other proponents, making up easily 60% of those in attendance.

Of course, their overwhelming presence will be fully supported by the IPS board members that Stand for Children spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to elect—O'Connor, Moore, Arnold, and Hawkins.

Despite Stand for Children and The Mind Trust's usurping of these efforts by IPS for community input and democratic participation, there are some areas that the community members, in all four meetings seem to agree upon for a new superintendent.

EVERYONE SEEMS TO AGREE:

1. Significant experience as a school teacher, principal, and district level leadership.
2. Data-based evidence of improving achievement district wide over several years.
3. Someone who knows Indianapolis and IPS well, preferably local.
4. Someone who is committed to equity, transparency, engagement with all communities (no favoritism), personable, always will be out in the district, strongly student centered
5. A person of color who reflects the racial diversity of the district

ADDITIONAL ISSUES THAT IPS COMMUNITY COALITION THINKS ARE IMPORTANT:

1. The Interim Superintendent does not have the right kind of experience to lead the largest district in Indiana.
2. While superintendency licensure does not guarantee success, we certainly would not want a doctor or dentist who was not licensed to serve our children—therefore we should require one for the largest and most complex district in the state.
3. We would like those from the School of Education at IUPUI, a *research* university, who are supporting the superintendency search to communicate to the board the best *research* on the characteristics of high quality urban superintendents.