

Dear Friends:

If there is one thing we all share, it's a desire to see that positive changes within our public school system get underway in time to make a real difference for our students. The members of the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers/ACPSOP also understand that we all have a lot of work to do to make our schools all they should be.

As educators, we are on the front lines of providing that education and we should have a voice in transforming our schools. These reforms should be done with us, not to us.

The CFT is a nationally recognized leader in programs that are working to transform our schools and improve instruction and learning. When it comes to teacher evaluation, mentoring and raising standards, our teachers are finding innovative ways to reach new heights and give their best for our kids.

But teachers can't do it alone. Collaboration between teachers, the School Board and all other stakeholders is necessary to find solutions to the challenges we face.

We are a part of this community. We not only teach the city's children, we live in its neighborhoods, attend its houses of worship, shop in its stores, and worry about and care about its future. We are committed to working with everyone who cares about creating the best possible future for our children, their families and our community.

Help us be part of the solution. The School Board needs to understand; only by working with teachers will Cincinnati be able to provide all children with a first class education.

Please send a letter to the School Board today at <http://www.makingcincinnati-schools-better.com> that asks them to work collaboratively *with* our teachers to continue transforming our schools.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Julie Sellers, President
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