



Forging the Future

Support the candidates who are committed to excellence in public education

Forward New Orleans for Public Schools' Platform

Forward New Orleans for Public Schools is a diverse, issue-focused coalition of civic, community, and business organizations united in their goal of improving the quality of public education in New Orleans. The coalition worked together to develop eight issues, with associated action items, intended to guide School Board members in striving to achieve academic excellence and equitable service for all students in our public schools. Coalition members differ in their respective missions and areas of focus, but find common ground in their belief that all public school students deserve the opportunity to receive a high-quality education.

Candidates Asked to Pledge Support

The eight issues are set forth below; detailed explanations of each principle, as well as the associated action items, are available at www.schools.forwardneworleans.com. We asked each School Board candidate to pledge their support to each of these principles. The scorecard below reflects their responses – and indicates that the overwhelming majority of candidates are committed to acting on these items.

School Board Members Will Be Held Accountable

Forward New Orleans for Public Schools will hold your elected School Board members accountable by periodically reporting on their progress toward these goals after the

election. We will publish reports that assess School Board members' performance against their pledges, highlighting both progress and shortcomings in order to advance action on the platform. This process is intended to keep the community engaged and active in holding their elected officials accountable for the actions to which they have committed.

Choose Wisely and Stay Engaged

We urge you to use this scorecard to inform your vote. After the election, we ask that you help us hold your School Board members accountable to these pledges by staying engaged in the important issues surrounding the improvement of public school in New Orleans.

2016 School Board Candidates Scorecard

How each candidate responded to the Forward New Orleans pledges.

Scorecard key: ✓ – Pledged to support the issue. **No Pledge** – Did not pledge.

Candidates	Expand High-Quality Schools	Serve Students Equitably	Ensure Equal Access	Autonomy With Accountability	Responsible Resource Manager	Strategic Planning	Collaborate on Best Practices	Commit to Excellence and Equity
John Brown District 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ethan Ashley District 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sarah Usdin District 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Leslie Ellison District 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Walter Umrani District 4	✓	✓	✓	No Pledge	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ben Kleban District 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Alvarez District 6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Woody Koppel District 6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alvin Crusto, Jr. District 7	No Pledge	No Pledge	No Pledge	No Pledge	No Pledge	No Pledge	No Pledge	No Pledge
Nolan Marshall, Jr. District 7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kwame Smith District 7	No Pledge	No Pledge	No Pledge	No Pledge	No Pledge	No Pledge	No Pledge	No Pledge

The Forward New Orleans for Public Schools endorsing organizations include: 100 Black Men of Metro New Orleans; Algiers Economic Development Foundation; Business Council of New Orleans and the River Region; Citizens for Greater New Orleans; Common Good; Community Agenda for Public Schools; Educate Now!; Greater New Orleans, Inc.; Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools; Louisiana Federation for Children; New Orleans Chamber of Commerce; New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau; New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce; New Schools for New Orleans; Orleans Public Education Network; STAND for Children Louisiana; Urban League of Louisiana; Young Leadership Council; Youth Empowerment Project

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