
The Pepper Plan on Education & Youth

Building a Path to Opportunity for Our Kids

“Even while schools are outside direct mayoral leadership, the Mayor must champion and lead on education and youth opportunity issues—just as the best mayors elsewhere do. As Mayor, I will work with others to improve our schools, and I will lead an effort to coordinate and improve other key education and youth issues: early childhood education, mentoring, after school activities, job training, and college access.”

A Common Vision for Youth – Measuring Results

- ➔ **The Mayor’s Youth and Education Leadership Council:** I will bring together CPS officials, community leaders and other stakeholders to form the Mayor’s Youth and Education Leadership Council. The Council will meet regularly, set a common agenda on education and youth development, review progress and challenges in CPS, and outline ways to improve education and opportunities for our children.
- ➔ **Mayor’s Youth Report Card:** I will “grade” the City annually on our ability to improve educational achievement and youth opportunities.

Partnering with Public Schools to Get Results

- ➔ **Champion Community Learning Centers:** I will expand Community Learning Centers throughout Cincinnati’s neighborhoods, leveraging private and foundation resources to provide a variety of services and activities to youth, adults and Seniors.
- ➔ **Increase Parental Involvement:** I will encourage more parent participation in CPS through a “Family Compact with our Children” signed by parents, students and teachers; as well as instituting family-friendly policies at the City that allow employees to support their child’s education.

Opportunities to Thrive

- ➔ **Mayor’s After School Initiative:** I will create a full-time, highly accessible After School Coordinator who will map out and inventory all after school programs, curricula and eligibility, and serve as a one-stop resource to connect parents and their children to productive after school activities across the City.
- ➔ **Expand Youth Employment Opportunities:** I will increase the quantity and quality of jobs and summer employment for our teens by moving youth employment efforts into the domain of the Workforce Policy Board, which receives millions of federal dollars, is tied into more employers, and, in other cities, is commonly the coordinator of youth employment.

Completing the Path and Building Youth Leadership

- ➔ **Improve Quality of Early Childhood Education:** I will work to raise the quality of early childhood education and childcare programs, and work with Success by Six on the early childhood priorities they have laid out.
- ➔ **Cincinnati College Promise:** I will streamline and maximize the amount of scholarship dollars available to Cincinnati school children to improve college access.
- ➔ **Mayor’s Youth Council:** I will appoint a Mayor’s Youth Council to listen to youth and take their issues seriously, and to create opportunities for youth to work together and lead.

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