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To: The Education Forward Committee
Vice-Chairman, Art Bushnell
Vice Mayor, Andy Harrover
Council Member Sheryl Bass
School Board Member Tim Demeria
School Board Member Pam Sebesky
Council Member Mark Wolfe

From: Harry J. Parrish II, Mayor
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Subject: Education Forward Challenge

The Education Forward Committee is addressing the most significant challenge facing our community: strategies to achieve the premier public school division in the region. The Committee has discussed and even agreed on some ideas.

We hereby challenge the Committee to coalesce your thinking into a five-year plan that the City Council and School Board can jointly adopt by January 16, 2012, and begin implementing by February 15, 2012. We believe there are immediate actions that can be taken and there are ideas for which our staffs will need to plan. We believe the plan will need to be outcome and results driven. We believe the Council and the Board should meet quarterly to review achievements toward the plan. We realize that the plan may require periodic adjustment. We expect that these ideas will include training and facilities strategies, and every option which could be considered and would achieve the premier education we all want for our children.

We urge you to set aside the past to the extent possible and create an audacious plan for the future.