

## **What is Better Together?**

The challenges facing the Jackson Public School District are complex. No single entity can solve them. These issues call for a different approach, one deeply rooted in community collaboration and a commitment to work together more effectively to ensure all children in the Jackson Public School District have opportunities to succeed in school and in life. The work ahead and our focus is on being **BETTER TOGETHER**.

As part of this effort an independent commission appointed by Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant and Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba will chart a new path toward transformational change in the Jackson Public School District. Its collective work, informed by sound research and voices from all sectors, is to create and implement a bold strategy to bolster educational outcomes.

## **Who makes up the Commission?**

The Commission is comprised of diverse volunteer leaders who come from a variety of experiences and backgrounds with demonstrated commitment to improving the City of Jackson and the Jackson Public School District. A full list of commissioners and their biographies will be released soon.

## **The Commission's Charge**

The Commission's charge is to lead efforts to create a bold new vision for educational transformation in the Jackson Public School District. Cooperative planning, intelligent study and engaged community are our values. The Commission will:

- **Dramatically expand engagement efforts with partners in the community** by engaging local citizens, area organizations and institutions, local and national education leaders and experts on solutions.
- **Expand knowledge and understanding of the unique problems we are trying to solve** by issuing a comprehensive, child-centered report detailing the current state of the education ecosystem, identifying assets and gaps with specific recommendations on what is needed to create conditions for all children to thrive.

The Commission will have regular monthly meetings to exchange information, provide updates and generally assure its charge is met.