

Petition to John Bel Edwards from A Community Voice



Return New Orleans Children to Schools in Their Neighborhood Governed by Our Elected Board

We, the citizens of the New Orleans community, applaud your election as our governor. We appreciate your stand for public education and acknowledge your support for HB 166, which would have returned successful schools to our Orleans Parish School Board. At the same time, the presence of Leslie Jacobs on the K-12 Education Committee is a concern. Ms. Jacobs as a BESE member, and a "reformer," supported policies that have mired our schools in difficulties. Please see below, links to recent examples. Ms. Jacobs' presence reminds us of past harms, the firing of thousands of teachers after Katrina, and most certainly, the present harms that our community is suffering at the hands of Market-based Education Reform. We believe the following changes will help to make our community whole: 1. All our schools are returned to our elected school board.

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2. Children are able to attend neighborhood schools.
3. Students are not forced to ride unmonitored buses from as early as 5:30 AM to as late as 6 PM.
4. The millions of dollars currently diverted to bus companies are returned to our schools.

We look forward to supporting you as you use the remedies available to you to correct these injustices.

Sign the petition on Change.org <https://www.change.org/p/governor-john-bel-edwards-return-new-orleans-children-to-schools-in-their-neighborhoods-governed-by-our-elected-board>

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