

**School Reform Commission
The School District of Philadelphia**

Declaration of Education

Declaration Rally

**Monday, August 30th at 11:00 AM
School District Administration Building,
2120 Winter Street (21st & the Parkway)**

Come and support our children!

For more information, contact (215) 299-2254

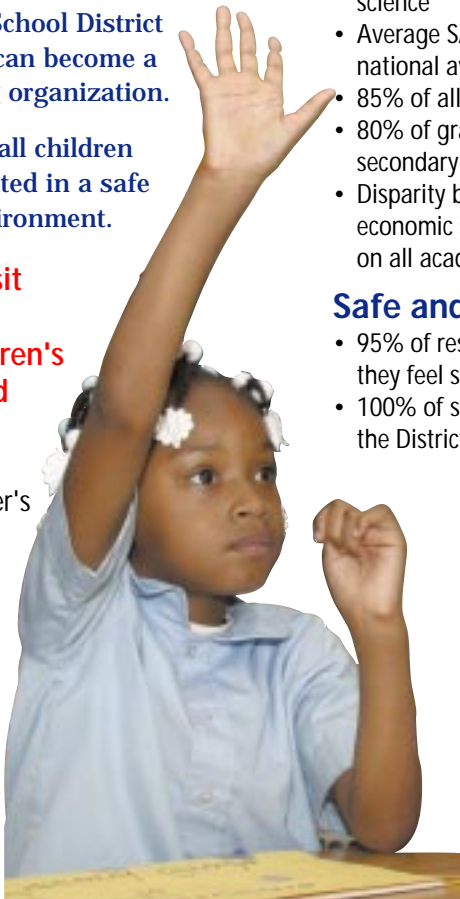
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Declaration of Beliefs and Visions

1. We believe all children can learn at high levels.
2. We believe all children can reach their learning potential and that the achievement gap can be eliminated.
3. We believe schools have an enormous impact on children's lives.
4. We believe the School District of Philadelphia can become a high performing organization.
5. We believe that all children should be educated in a safe and orderly environment.

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our information
tent in the Children's
Area at 23rd and
the Parkway.**

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supplement.)



The Declaration of Education defines target goals to achieve by 2008

Early Literacy

- 85% of all students entering kindergarten will have participated in a formal preschool experience
- 80% of all grade 3 students will read on grade level

Academic Achievement

- The District will meet the Adequate Yearly Progress criteria of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation
- 80% of all students in grades 3-11 will perform at or above the proficient level in reading, mathematics and science
- Average SAT and ACT scores will meet or exceed the national average
- 85% of all high school students will graduate
- 80% of graduating seniors will enroll in post-secondary education institutions
- Disparity based on race, ethnicity, gender and socio-economic status will be less than 10 percentage points on all academic measures

Safe and Orderly Environment

- 95% of respondents on an annual survey will indicate they feel safe at school
- 100% of schools will score a grade "B" or better on the District's Safe Schools Audit

Community Collaboration

- 100% of schools will have active Home and School Associations or School Councils
- 100% of schools will have active partnerships with community organizations that foster the implementation of the District's mission

Equity

- 100% of schools will have equity in facilities, programs and resources
- 100% of all high schools will offer honors and Advanced Placement courses
- 100% of District teachers and para-professionals will be highly qualified for their positions
- All Philadelphia students will have access to school choice options that include high quality public, privately managed and charter schools

Efficient and Effective Support Operations

- Support services to all schools will be delivered on time, on budget, and with high quality
- The District will achieve a balanced budget that provides for a high quality education for all students

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

THE DISTRICT DELIVERS!



Test Scores Up:

Reading And Math Scores Up More Than 6%, Beating Pennsylvania's Overall Average Increase on the PSSA Test

Assaults On Students Down:

Student on Student Assaults Down 7.7%
Morals Offenses Down 19%

Budget Balanced:

First Structurally Balanced Budget in Seven Years

Improvements for the 2004-05 School Year

More Qualified Teachers—Additional 440 qualified teachers and 450 literacy interns.

More Class-Size Reductions—2,300 primary classrooms with target student/teacher ratios of 22 to 1 in stand-alone classrooms and 15 to 1 in rooms with literacy interns.

Expanded Curriculum Reform—Standardized curriculum in science (K-6) and social studies (K-7), added to the last year's reforms in reading, math and literature.

More Instruction—Daily, for grades K-8: 45 minutes of science and social studies, 90 minutes of reading and 120 minutes of math. Daily, for grades 9-12: 90 minutes of math.

Larger Summer School—District will target increased attendance by students below proficiency in reading and math. (50,000 students attended 2004 summer session.)

Stronger Multilingual Programs—New books & curriculum, ESOL Extended Day, New programs for Chinese, Khmer, Russian and Vietnamese. Expanded community outreach, including multilingual Parent Support & Bully Hotlines.

Professional Development—9 half-days and 7 full-days on curriculum and student assessment.

Stronger Safety Measures—School District Police officers in every elementary and middle school. (Officers are already in all high schools.)

Tougher Code of Conduct—Strict adherence to rules, ie. clothing must not be too baggy or too tight and cell phones/ pagers will be taken and returned only to parents/guardians

More Alternative and Disciplinary Programs—Alternative schools expand to 44 locations. Slots in the Saturday Morning Alternative Reach and Teach (SMART) program increase to 7,000. More disciplinary programs for younger students.

Back to School!

September 7—First day of Elementary and High School

September 7-13—Kindergarten Parent Teacher Conferences

September 7-9, 2004—Prekindergarten Head Start, Focus on Fours and Parent Cooperative Nursery Parent/Teacher Conferences

September 10, 2004—First day of Prekindergarten Head Start, Focus on Fours and Parent Cooperative Nursery

September 14, 2004—First day of Kindergarten

Early Dismissal for Professional Development: Students dismiss at mid-day on Oct. 29, 2004; March 4, April 15, April 29, May 13, May 27, June 13, June 14, June 15, 2005

2004-05 School Registration Dates

When: Middle Schools & High Schools:

Weekdays Aug. 2 to Aug. 31 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
High school students must accompany parents to register and select courses. Call 215-299-7276 with questions.

Elementary Schools

Weekdays Aug. 18 to Aug. 31. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Special Admission Schools

Weekdays Aug. 13 to Aug. 31. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

After-Hours Registration At All Schools

Aug. 24 and Aug. 25 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Neighborhood public schools

Who: Children new to the District, including charter school students, and any student who has moved to a new neighborhood during the summer.

What to Bring: Documents that prove student's age, up-to-date inoculations and family address

Hotline Numbers

Book Hotline: (800) 447-1169,
if your child does not have adequate access
in school to a required textbook

Parent Support Hotline: (215) 299-7276,
if you have questions.

Bully Hotline: (215) 299-SAFE,
to report bullying, violence, harassment, threats and
truancy. 24 hours / 7 days a week

Citizen Crime Commission Tipline:
Toll free (877) 345-TIPS,
to report crime in our schools or in our communities

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