



Investing in Youth Today, Improving Conditions Tomorrow

Opinion: Vote Yes to the IPS Capital Referendum

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Greetings to our community:

Providing adequate resources to assure that all our children – regardless of race, gender, cultural background, or economic status – is one of the most important responsibilities of adults in our community. Education prepares young people for the jobs they will hold in the future, for civic involvement and leadership, for becoming homeowners and taxpayers, and for the many roles they will play as positive members of our society. Our children depend on us to make sure they are ready to take on the challenges of adulthood by giving them the knowledge and skills necessary for success.

Indianapolis Public Schools has asked the community to step up and embrace our responsibility by supporting the Capital Referendum when we go to the polls on Tuesday, November 6. The Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc. encourages voters in the IPS district to offer a resounding YES to that request. We join our voice with such organizations as the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and the African American Coalition of Indianapolis to ask our fellow citizens to cast your vote on behalf of our children.

MCCOY Inc., our community's youth services support agency, endorses the IPS request because it makes sense and because it is the right thing to do. If our children are going to learn, they need to be in safe environments, taught by qualified and caring teachers, and provided with the tools needed by today's world. Revenue raised because of a positive vote will be used to increase the safety of IPS buildings and provide funds to attract and to keep top quality teachers, who are the backbone of student success. If we are going to fulfill our duty to our children, then we must do the right thing and provide what they need to grow and learn well. You can visit the following website to get more detailed information:

<https://myips.org/learnmore>.



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This investment in our children is an investment in both the present AND the future. With your YES vote, both of those will become brighter for IPS students – for our children. When you go to the polls on November 6, cast your vote for a positive reason. Please vote YES for the Capital Referendum.

Respectfully,

John Brandon
President/Executive Director

About MCCOY

The Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc. (MCCOY) is the youth services intermediary for central Indiana whose mission is to champion the positive development of youth through leadership on key issues and support of the youth worker community. MCCOY's vision is that every young person in central Indiana has opportunities to thrive, learn, engage and contribute.

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