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**MAYOR DEAN TO HOLD FIRST EDUCATION TOWN HALL MEETING  
AT PEARL-COHN HIGH SCHOOL**  
*First full day on the job*

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Mayor-elect Karl Dean today announced he will start on his first full day in office to fulfill a campaign commitment on education, leading a mayoral town hall meeting at Pearl-Cohn High School on Monday, Sept. 24.

The meeting, which is open to all Metro parents, students, teachers and citizens, is the first in a series of regular town hall meetings Mayor Dean will hold in school clusters across the city.

“On day one, I am going to bring a new focus from the Office of the Mayor to the challenges we face in our schools,” Dean said. “Our schools need new ideas and more parental and community involvement, and with the help of all Nashvillians, these town hall meetings will be part of the start of both. I look forward to hearing from parents and students in the Pearl-Cohn community.”

The 90-minute town hall meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Pearl-Cohn High School, 904 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. Parking is available in front of the school.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their ideas, questions, and concerns to Mayor Dean. Representatives of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, the Metropolitan Board of Education, and the Metropolitan Council, along with members of Mayor Dean’s staff, also will attend to listen and answer questions.

“I can’t tell you how happy we are that Mayor Dean’s first community meeting on his first day on the job is focused on education,” said Dr. Pedro Garcia, director of MNPS. “I know that everyone involved with public schools is eager to join forces with the mayor and engage in this public dialogue. I also believe that parents and students at Pearl-Cohn High School and all of the other schools in the Pearl-Cohn cluster have a great opportunity to let our new mayor know their thoughts about our schools and perhaps find a new avenue to get involved in helping make schools better.”

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