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CONCERNED CITIZENS, PARENTS RALLY TO URGE SCHOOL BOARD TO KEEP SUPERINTENDENT WITHERSPOON

Press Conference at 4:00 at Linn Park to Urge Stable Leadership

BIRMINGHAM, AL- (April 6, 2012) — C.A.R.E., a community advocacy organization for education reform, has called leaders across Birmingham to take a stance for stable leadership in our schools. The Birmingham Board of Education has scheduled a special board meeting Friday, April 6 at 5:00p.m. to discuss Superintendent Witherspoon's contract.

"Everything Birmingham City Schools does should be about our children," said Randall Woodfin, founder of C.A.R.E. "I urge that our education leaders provide the leadership stability needed to make Birmingham City Schools successful."

Although it is unknown the intentions of the special board meeting, the scheduled meeting has managed to rally the community around the important issue of education reform, and the importance of stable leadership. Since 2003, Birmingham City Schools has had four different superintendents.

"No organization wins, and children suffer when you have almost a decade of leadership that changes every two years," said Woodfin. "The fact this meeting has been called on Good Friday makes the board's intentions for considering Witherspoon's contract all the more suspicious."

Other organizations stand with C.A.R.E. in their effort to rally the community— including the Birmingham Education Foundation, Birmingham Change Fund, the Birmingham Urban League and others.

C.A.R.E. understands the value of having a strong school system. "As a group of concerned parents, community leaders and young professionals, we need to proactively stand with Superintendent Witherspoon, and encourage the entire community to get involved in making Birmingham City Schools great," said Woodfin.

"What we do today impacts our children, our community and our future. The time is now for us all to become more involved," said Waymond Jackson, co-Chairman, Community Engagement Committee, Birmingham Education Foundation.

About C.A.R.E.:

Founded in 2012, C.A.R.E. is a community advocacy organization committed to forging a more effective Birmingham City School System. Comprised of parents, business leaders and young professionals, the organization actively works to raise awareness and involvement to transform Birmingham City Schools.

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