

District "D" Councilmember Hedge-Morrell Addresses Successes and Challenges of NOLA Public Education

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New Orleans, LA - April 18, 2008 - The New Orleans City Council Education Committee, in partnership with the Scott S. Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiatives at Tulane University and the Greater New Orleans Education Foundation, officially released the 2008 *State of Public Education in New Orleans* report.

The report provides information regarding the progress of the current system of schools, based on available data as well as public opinion. The report also identifies several challenges facing New Orleans public schools.

Council Education Committee Chair and District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell said, "We are very excited about the progress that has been made so far and look forward to addressing the remaining challenges. It is not only our goal, but also our responsibility, to improve public education for our children."

Click [here](#) to view the 2008 *State of Public Education in New Orleans* report.

New Orleans City Council

The New Orleans City Council is the legislative branch of New Orleans city government. The Council considers and enacts all local laws that govern the City of New Orleans. The Council also approves the operating and capital budgets for the City, as recommended by the mayor, and continually monitors revenues and expenditures for local government operations. The City Council is also the regulatory body for public utilities. It also reviews and has final say on many land use and zoning matters, as well as considers major economic development projects for the City. As a Board of Review for Orleans Parish, the Council examines appeals of property tax assessments for real estate taxes, and certifies tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Other responsibilities of the Council include overseeing the operation of the public access television in Orleans Parish.

The City Council is comprised of five districts and two councilmembers-at-large. Council President and Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow; Council Vice-President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura; District "B" Councilmember Stacy S. Head; District "C" Councilmember James Carter; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis.