Collective Governance

“When I become Mayor, you become Mayor”

Chokwe Antar Lumumba

Jackson, Mississippi
Community Engagement
Community Listening Sessions

• Listening Sessions in all seven wards of the City

• Telephone poll of approximately 500 students
The Community believes teachers are one of the greatest assets of the school district and an essential element to the district’s long-term success.
Community Listening Sessions

Learnings

We must prioritize student needs, make schools more accountable and accessible, engage parents, and provide wrap-around services for students, such as counseling and school-based medical and dental care.
Community Engagement
Meaningful Engagement

Meaningful engagement is rooted in a shared understanding that we must affirm the voices of everyone in Jackson in order to facilitate an inclusive, transparent, and intentional exchange of ideas that values our collective strengths and assets. Through this process, we hope to develop intergenerational and cross-sectional relationships that foster shared accountability for the educational and economic success of our community.
Meaningful Engagement

Youth and community engagement activities touched more than 1,000 JPS students from Kindergarten through high school.
Young people in Jackson are really concerned about leadership in their schools and in the communities, the level of commitment and responsibility among all stakeholders, and ensuring every student has quality teachers and relevant curriculum.
Meaningful Engagement

From A to Zoo: A Day Our for Education

The anticipated event attendance was exceeded by 130% with more than 1,600 children and parents visiting the zoo on that day.
Meaningful Engagement

Stronger Neighborhoods, Stronger School Summit

Approximately 40 leaders from neighborhood associations and faith-based institutions discussed ways to effectively work with schools and impact student and school success.
Meaningful Engagement

Series of Community Stakeholders Meetings in Barbershops & Early Child Care Centers

Meetings hosted by individual citizens and dedicated organizations that helped gain a better understanding of what students and families need from their communities to support academic success.
Community Engagement
Community Canvassing

Door Knocking Campaign

Built door knocking campaign to knock on 64,000 doors in the City of Jackson. We completed 23,000 surveys and held over 40,000 conversations.
Building A Pathway to Human Dignity

Healthy Citizens

Safe Homes in Affordable Neighborhoods

City that is Open & Welcoming to Visitors

Occupational Opportunities in a Growing Tax Base

Thriving Educational System

Dignity Economy
Participation

What roles can participants have?

- Community Council
- Volunteer
- Peer ( Consort Studies) participation

Knowledge base:
- Community-based research
- Knowledge base on data collection
- Community-wide dissemination

People engaged in:
- Each phase of the research

Over time involvement in: