

State of Durham's Children

Celebrations...Challenges...Commitments

April 25, 2007 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

The Carolina Theatre, Downtown Durham

Agenda

Music by the Jordan High School Jazz Band. Director: Andrew Weiss

Welcome

Angelica Powell, Junior, Middle College High School

Ted Abernathy, Executive Vice-President, Research Triangle Regional Partnership

Celebrations and Challenges Video

Panel

- Marsha Basloe, Executive Director, Durham's Partnership for Children
- Deborah Horvitz, Executive Director, Durham Public Education Network
- Carl Harris, Superintendent, Durham Public Schools
- Minnie Forte-Brown, Chairperson, Board of Education. *Moderated by Ted Abernathy*

Commitments Video

Panel Discussion continued

Participant Questions for Our Panelists

Call to Action

Ted Abernathy and Angelica Powell

Closing

Hillandale Elementary School Chorus. Director Dena Byers

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Speakers

Minnie Forte-Brown

Chair, Durham Public Schools Board of Education

Minnie Forte-Brown is a Durham native, attended Durham Public Schools and graduated from Hillside High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in speech and English from Saint Augustine's College and a master's of education degree in speech pathology and audiology from North Carolina Central University. She also has participated in doctoral studies at Howard University in Theory and Rhetoric in the School of Communication. Currently, Minnie serves as coordinator of speech communication and a master teacher in the Department of English and Mass Communication at NCCU.

Dr. Carl E. Harris

Superintendent, Durham Public Schools

Dr. Carl E. Harris assumed the position of Superintendent of Durham Public Schools on July 1, 2006. He previously served as Deputy Superintendent of Durham Public Schools. Dr. Harris is the immediate past president of the North Carolina Association of School Administrators. He chairs the North Carolina State Council of the Commissions of the Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (CASI), Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 2005 Governor Easley appointed Harris to serve on the NC School Technology Commission. Dr. Harris also has served as Adjunct Professor in Educational Leadership at North Carolina State University since 1998.

Ted W. Abernathy Jr., CECd

Executive Vice President, Research Triangle Regional Partnership

Born and raised in Dallas, N.C., Mr. Abernathy received his bachelor's degree from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, his master's degree from Johns Hopkins University, graduated from the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma and is an Eisenhower Fellow. The focus of his 24-year economic development career has been on marketing and strategic competitiveness. He and his wife Kendall live in Durham with their two children, and are DPS parents.

Angelica Powell

Angelica Powell is a junior at the Middle College High School at Durham Technical Community College. She also is President of the Durham Youth Council and a graduate of the Junior Leadership Durham program. She moved to Durham from Citrus County, FL, where she was active as a cheerleader and with the 4-H Club. She hopes to pursue a career in sports medicine.

