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## Camden City School District Welcomes Acting Superintendent Katrina McCombs

**July 13, 2018, Camden, New Jersey** — Camden NJ – Today Acting Superintendent Katrina McCombs kicked off her community listening tour with a meeting at Yorkship Family School. Hosted by Councilwoman Dana Burley and Yorkship Principal Dr. Tracey Thompson, the Superintendent’s Listen & Learn Community Engagement Program is a summer-long opportunity for families, staff, students, and residents to share their views on education in the City and talk honestly with the Superintendent about the best ways to accelerate students’ academic progress in District schools.

Following her appointment as Acting State Superintendent of Schools on June 28, Mrs. McCombs will use the summer to meet with residents and set out her vision for driving student achievement across the District. To a group of 50 community leaders, students, families, and staff, Mrs. McCombs laid out three priorities for the District’s long-term student growth:

1. Accelerate student achievement in reading and math
2. Put a great teacher in every classroom
3. Create a District that puts students first

Mrs. McCombs welcomes feedback from the entire community as she works over the summer to transform her vision into a clear strategic plan with short and long-term goals that hold the District accountable for ensuring every student graduates prepared for success in the modern workplace.

“As a product of this District, I place a great deal of value on the voices and views of our community. I know Camden students can achieve great things, because I was in their shoes not so long ago. Working together, we will help every graduate leave our District ready to thrive in college and the modern workplace.”

See below for the list of public listening tour meetings. More meetings are being scheduled every day, and the most up to date schedule is available at:

[http://www.camden.k12.nj.us/divisions/superintendent\\_s\\_office/listen\\_learn\\_community\\_engagement\\_tour/](http://www.camden.k12.nj.us/divisions/superintendent_s_office/listen_learn_community_engagement_tour/)

### Superintendent’s Listen & Learn Public Engagement Tour

Date & Time	Host	Location	Attendees & Details
Thursday, July 12 at 5 pm	Councilwoman Sheila Davis	KIPP Lanning Square Primary School	First publicly advertised meeting, including families from KIPP, Wiggins, and the Lanning Square neighborhood
Friday, July 13 at noon	Councilwoman Dana Burley  Dr. Tracey Thompson	Yorkship Family School	Yorkship families, Yorkship Staff, Yorkship Square Neighbors Association

Monday, July 23 at 5 pm	Councilman Brian Coleman	Uncommon Camden Prep	Public meeting for Whitman Park and Uncommon families
Tuesday, July 24 at 5 pm	PBCIP	Camden County Historical Society	Public meeting, coincides with PBCIP's monthly meeting
Monday, July 30 at 5 pm	HACC / Board President Blackshear	HB Wilson Family School	Public meeting for HB Wilson and Chelton Terrace families
Wednesday, August 1 at 5:30 pm	Rashaan Hornsby	Judge Robert Johnson Park	Meet and greet with Centerville Simbas families, and back pack giveaway
Thursday, August 2 at 5 pm	HACC / Board President Blackshear	Catto Family School	Public meeting for Baldwins Run, Catto, WWHS, and East Camden families
Monday, August 6 at 5 pm	HACC / Board President Blackshear	Dudley Family School	Public meeting for Dudley and Maguire Gardens families
Wednesday, August 8 at 5 pm	Councilmen Luis Lopez and Angel Fuentes  Board Member Taisha Minier	Veterans Memorial Family School	Public meeting for Vets and Cramer Hill families
Thursday, August 9 at 5 pm	Concerned Citizens of North Camden / Parents for Great Camden Schools	Coopers Poynt School	Public meeting for North Camden families
Monday, August 20 at 5 pm	HACC	Mastery Cramer Hill	Public meeting for Ablett Village, Mastery, and Cramer Hill families