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Better Together Commissioners Appointed

(Jackson, Miss.) Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant, Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation have appointed 15 members to the newly created Better Together Commission, an independent group charged with transforming the Jackson Public School district that ensures all students succeed.

"I believe that a strong educational system is the basis of an economic model based on human dignity. I am deeply appreciative of these Commissioners sharing their skills to better our community. As we work together to build a bold new vision of our city, let us start where it matters most – the future of our children," said, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba.

"I am grateful for these individuals' willingness to serve, and for their commitment to bring transformational change to Jackson Public Schools. I look forward to the Commission beginning work as we move toward becoming Better Together," said Governor Phil Bryant.

The Better Together Commission is an independent group appointed by Governor Bryant, Mayor Lumumba, the Kellogg Foundation and JPS to chart a new path toward transformational change in the District.

The Better Together Commission will hold its first meeting Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Mississippi Museum of Art. The meeting is open to the public.

Attached:

- List of commissioners and bios
- MOU from partner organizations