

April 17, 2007

Honorable John F. Street
Mayor
City of Philadelphia
City Hall, Room 215
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Mayor Street:

I am writing to ask that, given the importance of the selection of the next CEO of the Philadelphia School District, you provide an opportunity for all of the Mayoral Candidates to meet with you to discuss the selection process to be used by you and the School Reform Commission.

It is also clear that this important decision will have long-term implications for our school children, teachers, administrators, school parents and also our taxpayers. Any long-term contract with a new CEO at this time will potentially constrain the next Mayor in terms of Mayoral oversight of our school system. I believe that a full and comprehensive search should be conducted, allowing for an open public process for selecting a permanent CEO after an interim appointment is made to serve the remainder of this calendar year.

I am hopeful that you will respond positively to my request to meet with all of the Mayoral candidates on this important matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Nutter
Candidate for Mayor

cc: All Mayoral Candidates