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## Verbatim excerpt from the Joint Meeting of City/County/School Board

Councilmember Don Reid stated to Dr. Murphy that he would like to thank him personally and the School Board for the recent stand Dr. Murphy took regarding the teacher evaluation and performance. In his mind that was the best indication in years that the School Board really intends to do something about education.

Mr. Reid stated that during the campaign he heard almost every candidate for Council speak about education and how mportant it is to the City. He feels they could make a good argument that they could make it their number one priority as it is their number one problem. Directing his statement to Dr. Murphy, Mr. Reid said rather than the Council wander in the wilderness and fumble in the darkness, why does he not tell the Council exactly what he would like for them to do to support him in his efforts to improve education. Otherwise, he feels they may waste a lot of time and they might get into areas in which Dr. Murphy would rather they did not get into.

Dr. Murphy stated the Mayor and he had had a conversation about putting that kind of coordination together with the full Council, School Board and the county. He really cannot tell them specifically at this time what he would like for them to do, or what the Board of Education would like for them to do. They are beginning to launch a very exciting project, and that is designing the school system of the future for Charlotte-Mecklenburg. They have their team coming into the communty that evening and they will have cessions which will be repeated several times and they will come up with a design for the school system. Once they have completed that design they will then ask for a series of community education summits and then will ask all the people here and the community members to refine that definition so they can come up with a goal which they want to reach, perhaps five years from now. They will then put in specific target dates so they can begin to move towards each of the target dates to get from where they are to where they want to be. When that process 18 completed, he feels they can give the council a very good agenda in terms of the kinds of things they can do cooperatively to accomplish that to ultimately have the best school system possible in Charlotte.

Mayor Vinroot stated from what he and Dr. Murphy had discussed, that process will take place tomorrow, to which Dr. Murphy stated it kicks off tomorrow and hope to come back to the community with a complete document by April or early May and then the community will have an opportunity to interact. They will then finalize that document which will be the course of action for the school system.

Mr. Reid stated he hopes the Council can get very specific things that Dr. Murphy would like the Council to consider. He feels they can talk about these things for 20 years, but they need to know specific areas where Dr. Murphy feels they can helphim. Some of the Council looks at it only to provide a safe environment is their only responsibility. He feels they need to take it beyond that.

Dr. Murphy stated it would be very specific in terms of each step they will take.

Mayor Vinroot stated he feels Dr. Murphy will say these are the things you need to do if you want to have a model school system in Mecklenburg county. It will not just talk about what the curriculum should be, which is obviously, not anything the council can do anything about, but what other things they need to do in the community, of which the council can do something about. Safety is a part of it and some of it may be after school programs, better housing, or other very specific things that affect what kind of children the community is giving Dr. Murphy to work with and what kind of communities they are coming from. If the children are going home and being shot at all night, there is not much they can do at 9:00 a.m. to learn in a good quiet school setting because all you have done all night is try to find peace and quiet to go to sleep, and they certainly cannot do it without parents to support them in that effort. He feels they will get the receipt at the end of this process and they will have certain things they will be able to do or not to do which will help Dr. Murphy create what he feels will be a model school system.

