



**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Atlanta Public Schools, Westside Future Fund  
Announce Partnership in the Revitalization of Atlanta’s Historic Westside**

*Thursday, July 20, Noon – 1 p.m.; Hollis Innovation Academy*

<b>WHO:</b>	Atlanta Public Schools and Westside Future Fund
<b>WHAT:</b>	<p>New partnership announcement between Atlanta Public Schools (APS) and the Westside Future Fund, w/ special remarks from The Coca-Cola Foundation and SunTrust Bank.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Dr. Meria Carstarphen</b>, Superintendent, Atlanta Public Schools</li> <li>○ <b>John Ahmann</b>, Executive Director, Westside Future Fund</li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Beverly Tatum</b>, President Emerita, Spelman College and Westside Future Fund Board Member (Education Committee)</li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Diamond Jack</b>, Principal, Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy – APS’ new K-8 STEM school</li> <li>○ <b>Helen Price</b>, President, The Coca-Cola Foundation</li> <li>○ <b>Allison Dukes</b>, Head of Commercial and Business Banking, Chairman of Atlanta, SunTrust Bank</li> <li>○ <b>Byron Amos</b>, Member, Atlanta Board of Education, District 2</li> </ul> <p>Additional Invited VIP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Mayor Kasim Reed</b></li> <li>● <b>Julius H. Hollis</b>, brother of Michael R. Hollis</li> </ul>
<b>WHEN:</b>	Noon – 1 p.m., Thursday, July 20 ( <i>Seating, media set-up will begin at 11:45 a.m.</i> )
<b>WHERE:</b>	<p>Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy - Media Center 255 Griffin Street, NW, Atlanta, 30314</p> <p><i>Ample parking is available on-site. Guests entering from the James P. Brawley parking lot will need to be buzzed in. Upon entering, proceed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and make a right through the double doors. The Media Center will be on the right.</i></p>
<b>WHY:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Atlanta Public Schools and The Westside Future Fund to detail new partnership to create a seamless, cradle-to-college pipeline of innovation schools in the neighborhoods of English Avenue, Vine City, Ashview Heights and Atlanta University Center.</li> <li>- Partnership promotes collaboration of private, public and nonprofit sectors in the revitalization of Atlanta’s historic Westside.</li> </ul>
<b>Media Notes:</b>	<p><b>To RSVP or for additional details, please contact Sigele Winbush at <a href="mailto:sigele@westsidefuturefund.org">sigele@westsidefuturefund.org</a> or by phone at 404-862-2081.</b></p> <p>Video and still photography will be allowed. Select program speakers will be available for photos and interviews immediately following the event. Tours of Hollis Innovation Academy will also be available. Light refreshments will be served.</p>

