



MEDIA ADVISORY

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

**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

WHO:	Atlanta Public Schools and Westside Future Fund
WHAT:	<p>New partnership announcement between Atlanta Public Schools (APS) and the Westside Future Fund (WFF), with special remarks from The Coca-Cola Foundation and SunTrust Bank.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Meria Carstarphen, Superintendent, Atlanta Public Schools ○ John Ahmann, Executive Director, Westside Future Fund ○ Dr. Beverly Tatum, President Emerita, Spelman College and Westside Future Fund Board Member (Education Committee) ○ Dr. Diamond Jack, Principal, Hollis Innovation Academy – APS’ new K-8 STEM school in the Westside’s Washington Cluster ○ Helen Price, President, The Coca-Cola Foundation ○ Allison Dukes, Head of Commercial and Business Banking, Chairman of Atlanta, SunTrust Bank
WHEN:	<p>Noon – 1 p.m., Thursday, July 20 <i>Seating and media set-up will begin at 11:45 a.m.</i></p>
WHERE:	<p>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 3rd floor and make a right through the double doors. The Media Center will be on the right.</i></p>
WHY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. - Partnership promotes collaboration of private, public and nonprofit sectors in the revitalization of Atlanta’s historic Westside.
Media Notes:	<p>To RSVP or for additional details, please contact Sigele Winbush at sigele@westsidefuturefund.org or by phone at 404-862-2081.</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.</p> <p>Light refreshments will be served.</p>