



*Turning heads and changing attitudes*

Dear Selection Committee

We desire a high quality educational program serving all the students in Uptown as we believe that in order to be a great community; we must have great schools within the community. I, along with community stakeholders, have had the opportunity to talk with Mr. White about the intent and goals for operating Humes Preparatory School. Based on our conversations with Mr. White, we believe that he is dedicated and committed to create the model school needed in a progressive community.

Bobby White has demonstrated commitment to the most disadvantaged students of Memphis. His track record as a teacher and administrator in both Memphis and Charter School systems demonstrates his leadership skills and ability to transform struggling schools and produce student achievement gains. It is quite obvious that he has the passion, desire and experience to operate a school that is crucial to the success of Uptown.

I believe that under the leadership of Mr. White, the students attending Humes will have a chance to flourish and learn in the environment that best meets their needs. I am pleased to support the application to operate Humes Prep and look forward to its approval.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I may be of any assistance in the process.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tanja Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tanja Mitchell

Uptown Neighborhood Coordinator

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