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Dear Candidates,

The Nashville Child and Youth Collaborative is a group of nonprofits working on behalf of children and youth in Nashville to elevate the needs of children and youth in the mayoral election. Throughout this campaign season, the Collaborative will be tracking candidates' strategies and platforms around children and youth. While we will not endorse any candidate, we will be publicly reporting on candidates' positions. We will be looking for candidates' specific commitments related to the following questions:

- How will you use the budget to address the needs of children and youth and support the continued development of Nashville's young people, both inside and outside of school?
- What systems and structures will you employ to center children and youth in decision-making across city government? How will you ensure public reporting and transparency on children and youth outcomes in your administration?
- What specific child and youth policies will you champion as mayor?

In **April**, the Nashville Child and Youth Collaborative will be releasing a series of resources that break down the issues affecting our children and youth, as well as a survey to garner feedback from Nashvillians on the experiences and needs of our children and youth.

In **May**, we will release the results of the survey as well as the Nashville Child and Youth Collaborative shared agenda, which will lay out the priorities that we think need should be centered in candidates' platforms. We will reflect on candidates' child and youth platforms in relation to the shared agenda and publicly report that analysis.

In **June**, we will host a forum for mayoral candidates that is focused on children and youth (eligible candidates will receive a formal invitation).

The Nashville Child and Youth Collaborative is asking all mayoral candidates to:

1. Publicly release their child and youth agenda
2. Meet with the Nashville Child and Youth Collaborative to discuss the results from the survey and how the candidate's child and youth agenda addresses the identified challenges and opportunities
3. Participate in a child and youth forum on June 26 to share your vision and strategies

We believe that every young person in Nashville should live in an opportunity-rich neighborhood, have access to an excellent public school, and have a path towards a meaningful and fulfilling future. And we believe it's the Mayor's responsibility to lead the way. We look forward to learning more about your vision for children and youth in the coming months.

In partnership,

The Nashville Child and Youth Collaborative
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