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A newsletter for community leaders

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Dear Leah,

I would like to thank you for supporting Issue 14. Though we did not prevail, we came very close. In spite of one the most difficult economic times in recent memory, we fell short by only 394 votes, or .9 percent.



By donating your time and money to this campaign, you showed your commitment to our students. These young people will grow up to become our neighbors, co-workers and future leaders.

We all face challenges on our journey through life. The important thing for us is to stick together and continue to work in collaboration. Now is not the time to give up; we have much work to do. Akron Public Schools is important to Akron's future; and I, for one, will not give up on providing opportunities for student success.

Over the next week or so, our Issue 14 Citizens Committee will work on analyzing the results to provide a path for moving forward. Make no mistake -- our budget issues are very serious. I will be working with my staff on budget recommendations for consideration by the Akron School Board. I hope to have an initial budget reduction plan submitted by late December.

We live and work in very difficult times. Please rest assured that we will get through this, although it will not be easy. My primary focus continues to be supporting our classrooms. I am always open to your suggestions; and please feel free to write, e-mail or call.

I am honored and humbled to serve you and the Akron Public Schools community.

Sincerely,

David W. James
Superintendent
Akron Public Schools