

Please join us for our first Home and School meeting, **Wednesday, October 10 at 7:30 pm**. We are very pleased our guest speakers will be mayoral candidates **Michael Nutter** and **Al Taubenberg**. Our common denominator is that we are all parents of public school children; we want to ask questions, voice our concerns, and understand the candidates' education agenda.

Parents are encouraged to submit questions to the Home and School no later than October 7th. Please submit questions by email to chs_hs@yahoo.com, or on a 3 x 5 card left in the Home and School mailbox in the main office (include your name and phone number, or you can make an anonymous submission). Because of time restraints, three to five questions will be selected that represent the range of concerns/issues. If you are unable to attend the meeting, a member of our executive board can read your question.

If you do not have a specific concern, consider the following questions and prompts relating to public education in Philadelphia. Please let us know by email (or on a 3 x 5 card left in our box) what your priorities are. This is not an exhaustive list, but it gives us the opportunity to prioritize your concerns and ensure the candidates address them.

1. We all agree smaller class sizes and more resources are needed; what is your plan to pay to accomplish this goal?
2. How will you address the security issues in and around the schools; does your plan include (mandatory) Philadelphia police officers in the schools?
3. How will you convince state decision-makers to significantly increase state funding?
4. What measures will be instituted to improve opportunities for parental involvement?
5. All major research confirms the importance of quality early childhood education for success in public schools, how will you ensure best practices for expanding support of these programs?
6. What steps will you take to ensure accountability and the most efficient use of current funding?
7. Do you see the issue of state control as a priority to be addressed immediately, or one that is secondary to funding, safety, etc.

All Central parents and guardians are welcome to Home and School meetings. Please come on October 10th, get informed, and let the candidates hear and see Central parents' strong commitment to educational excellence of our children.