

Mississippi schools “...are number 50 on every academic measure,” stated Hank Bounds, Mississippi’s State Superintendent of Education.¹ As such, he indicates that “we have to stop holding principals and teachers responsible for educational outcomes. We need everyone to get on the bus.”² This is a challenge that Dr. Jesse Smith has accepted as he has agreed to offer JCJC faculty members two hours of release time weekly in order to allow them to volunteer in our local schools.

In order to properly plan this initiative, however, we need to know our faculty members’ thoughts regarding volunteerism in schools. In order to assist us with this task, we ask that you take a few moments to complete this survey.

Thank you!

Please circle one.

1. Would you be willing to volunteer in a local school? Yes No N/A

2. Do you think it is a good idea for employees of JCJC to volunteer in local schools? Yes No N/A

3. Do you feel that local schools need additional help? Yes No N/A

4. Do you think members of the Jones faculty have resources and talents that would benefit our local schools? Yes No N/A

5. Do you think that YOU have resources/talents that would benefit our local schools? Yes No N/A

6. In your opinion, who should volunteer in schools? (Please circle all that apply.)

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| Parents | Retirees | College Students | Jones employees | All of the above |
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7. How many hours would you be willing to give of your work time to volunteer in schools each month?

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| None | 2 | 4 | 8 | 12 |
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8. With what age group(s) would you be most willing to work?

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| None | Pre-K | Elementary School | Middle School/ Junior High | High School |
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9. Do you currently work with K-12 students as part of your job at Jones?
 For example, judging science fairs, FBLA, MS Scholars, Math Bowl, Star Reach. Yes No

If your answer is yes, which of the above groups, or other groups, do you work with, and how much time does it involve?

¹ Hattiesburg American February 11, 2009

² Educational Summit November 13, 2008.

Please circle the response that most closely expresses your opinion on the following statements.

1. I am proud that Jones is willing to contribute to the improvement of the education of the children of our state.

Strongly Agree Agree Unsure Disagree Strongly Disagree

2. I like the fact that our JCJC president, Dr. Smith, wants to help the children of our state through volunteerism.

Strongly Agree Agree Unsure Disagree Strongly Disagree

3. Exposure to the Jones faculty in K-12 schools will allow those students to be more comfortable in a college environment when they are older.

Strongly Agree Agree Unsure Disagree Strongly Disagree

4. Having the Jones faculty volunteer in our schools will assist in recruiting efforts.

Strongly Agree Agree Unsure Disagree Strongly Disagree

5. Any educational improvement that we encourage in K-12 students can improve the quality of students that we receive at JCJC in the future.

Strongly Agree Agree Unsure Disagree Strongly Disagree

6. Jones' involvement in local schools could prevent some students from dropping out before high school graduation.

Strongly Agree Agree Unsure Disagree Strongly Disagree

7. Assisting in local schools may improve the success rate of students, ultimately improving our local economy.

Strongly Agree Agree Unsure Disagree Strongly Disagree

8. Students who do not receive educational encouragement from parents/guardians would benefit from the help of volunteers.

Strongly Agree Agree Unsure Disagree Strongly Disagree

9. My presence in a K-12 school could ultimately make an impact on a child's life.

Strongly Agree Agree Unsure Disagree Strongly Disagree

10. The benefits that I would receive from volunteerism would be greater than the time and effort that I give.

Strongly Agree Agree Unsure Disagree Strongly Disagree

11. Offering assistance to our local schools will ultimately enhance the image of JCJC throughout our communities.

Strongly Agree Agree Unsure Disagree Strongly Disagree

If you are willing to volunteer in local schools, with what type of activities would you be willing to help?

Please check all that apply.

Reading comprehension

Computer repair

Tutoring

Software training

Athletic events

Library assistance

Assist in classroom

Computer lab assistance

Drama

Conduct teacher workshops

Music

Work with quiz bowl teams

Art

Build playground equipment

School newspaper

Fundraising opportunities

Yearbooks

Building improvements

Website development or maintenance

Supervise during testing

Provide students with scholarship information

Provide career information to students

Student government

Student leadership

Public speaking

College exploration (major/career decisions)

Other (please specify) _____

Please add additional comments that you think would be useful in determining what our campus climate is regarding volunteerism in schools at this time.