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Local DJ Calls Out KCPS Superintendent-Dr. Mark Bedell Responds

Kansas City, September 23, 2016: Superintendent Dr. Mark Bedell met his critics face on today after responding to a challenge from local DJ Danny Boi of 96.5 The Buzz. Danny Boi posted a video on social media presenting many of his concerns and challenging Bedell by Tweeting "Hey, rather than do softballs, why not let me interview him today? Or will KCPS continue to hide from real questions?"

Approximately 20 minutes later Bedell arrived at the radio station requesting an on air interview. During the interview Bedell answered several questions regarding the current state of KCPS and his determination to improve the district.

"I'm a competitive guy, I came here to fight for my school system and that's what I was hired to do."

Bedell also addressed the history and negative image of the school district.

"Yesterday...we can't do anything about that...today, that's ours to own" said Bedell.

After the interview several KCPS community members, parents, and alumni praised Bedell for his decision to show up at the radio station.

Visit <u>www.kcpublicschools.org</u> to see the tweets and hear the radio interview.

