

### **Candidates Short Bios**

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**Mr. Reginald Coleman's** career in education began almost eighteen years ago as a PE and Dean of Students at ACE Tech High School on the Southside of Chicago. Having grown up in an era where low-income families, like my own, had very limited public-school options, I have long championed greater access and opportunities for school choice. As my career advanced, I sought greater input through school leadership. During this time, the charter school movement had taken hold. I recognized charters as the first bold step in school choice and joined the Noble Network in its efforts during the spring of 2006 where I helped to open Pritzker College Prep, a Noble Charter School.

In August of 2010, I moved to New Orleans to work with Firstline Schools to help the rebirth of the lowest-performing high school in the state at the time. I became the Principal of J.S. Clark High School where I was recognized with the highest gains in one year. My eighteen years in school leadership included conceptualizing and serving as the founding Dean of Students for Noble's Pritzker College Prep (rated #2 in Chicago Public High Schools by Chicago Magazine). During this time, I have also overseen the opening of two charter high schools, and I started a vocational program at Clark High School and consulted with many others school as well. I have dedicated myself to delivering on the promise of multi-generational change on a larger scale. The common thread throughout my career has been my entrepreneurial ability to conceptualize and bring to fruition schools and programs designed to bring greater access to top-tier educational opportunities for underserved communities. I have a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership and B.A. in Psychology from Lewis University.

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**Dr. Chase McLaurin** is an experienced educator and educational leader with over a decade of experience in education. Dr. McLaurin has an outstanding track record for improving school and student outcomes using his laser-like focus on academics and school culture. He is a teacher and student advocate who passionately believes in transparency, empathy, and a commitment to excellence when working with all stakeholders to ensure every student receives a world-class education. Chase has extensive experience developing specialized school programs, including language immersion, acceleration, cultural diversity, leadership, and college prep programs. His work has been recognized throughout his career with numerous awards, including Principal of the Year Awards, U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award, and Model Dual Language Immersion School Awards.

**Dr. Chase McLaurin** has served as an elementary Two-Way Dual Language Spanish Immersion Principal, Early College High School Principal, and Executive Director of Academic Innovation at the district level. Chase is currently serving as Chief Executive Officer and lead educational consultant at Transformative Learning and is an adjunct professor at Teachers College, Columbia University. Dr. Chase McLaurin earned his Bachelor of Arts degrees in History and Secondary Education from Louisiana State University, Master of Education in

Educational Leadership from the University of St. Thomas, and a Doctorate in PK-12 Educational Leadership from the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development at Southern Methodist University. Additionally, he holds teacher, principal, and superintendent certifications.