

2015 Mayoral Candidate Pledge

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If elected as mayor of the City of Waterbury, I pledge to advance policies that will improve the overall educational experience for Waterbury's students and their families. Integral to the improvement of the Waterbury Public Schools are accountability measures, increased and targeted funding, and enforcement mechanisms that will lead to:

- The diversification of the school professional work force;
- A more effective and culturally competent work force;
- A lessening of the disparities in achievement and discipline gaps between non-white students and their white counterparts; and
- A greater high school graduation rate.

I pledge to negotiate collective bargaining agreements with the Waterbury Teachers Association (WTA) and School Administrators of Waterbury (SAW) that prioritize students' needs over job-protections for employees.

I pledge to support the development of training for school professionals that is innovative and meets the needs of Waterbury's students.

Furthermore, as mayor of the City of Waterbury, I pledge to protect and promote the democratization of the Waterbury Public Schools. I will do this by mandating community collaboration at each and every operational level required to do so.

----- Neil O'Leary

----- Jose Morales

----- Jimmie Griffin

----- Lawrence DePillo