

Malcolm

Thomas

for Superintendent of Schools
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August 26, 2008

Campaign Newsletter
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Malcolm Thomas Takes A Leap of Faith

Shouts of, "Run, Malcolm, run. Run, Malcolm, run!" filled Asbury Place on Friday night as hundreds encouraged Malcolm Thomas to run for the Superintendent of Escambia County Schools. Current and former colleagues along with his pastor, Timothy Nail, of Central Chapel, highlighted the important reasons Malcolm Thomas, Director of Evaluation Services, is the best person to lead Escambia County School District to a better, higher place in the community. Malcolm Thomas' predecessor, Dr. Wes Davis, emphasized the "Mr. Clean" image Malcolm has developed over his twenty-eight years in the District. Dr. Nan Mullins focused on Malcolm's compassionate side, which she witnessed first-hand while treating his wife in the dentist chair. Brian Ranelli, student at University of West Florida, and one of hundreds of students that Malcolm has tutored, spoke of his superior teaching skills and dedication. After each praise-filled speech, the audience encouraged Malcolm's affirmative answer to their pleas to run.

As Wayne Odom, the comedic emcee, introduced the "Man of the Night," he summed up the speeches by saying that Malcolm was not seeking the power of the position; rather *we were empowering* him with the invested authority to lead us. We were empowering him the way he had empowered us over the years in our different positions.

Petition Drive is Success

THANKS to the many volunteers who helped with the petition drive. 1875 registered voter signatures are required to place Malcolm Thomas on the ballot. This usually takes candidates several weeks or even months to accomplish.

Over 2,700 valid petitions were collected in 7 days! Amazing!

The required petitions were submitted and verified by the Supervisor of Elections office. This is a huge step to assuring Malcolm Thomas' name will appear on the primary ballot to run for Escambia Superintendent of Schools.



The audience had to hear the answer. Surrounded by his loving and supportive family members, Malcolm took the mike. After asking the audience some questions of his own, Mr. Thomas was convinced that he would not *leap* into the race alone. Instead, he would be bolstered by petition-gathering, donation-making, never-tiring volunteers who would lead the way for the leader himself to take our district to new heights.

He said "Yes, I will pre-file as a candidate on Monday, March 3." Malcolm then delineated four goals he sought for our district - better student achievement, better discipline and safety, better pay for teachers, and better transparency and accountability for the taxpayer's investment.

He also said he would continue tutoring students after work hours to honor a commitment he made in 1987. Who could argue with the former Escambia County Teacher of the Year's qualifications to be the leader the school district so desperately needs?

It was the dawning of a new day as the audience finished the night with shouts of, "Win, Malcolm, win!"

Vote - August 26, 2008

Web Site is Running!

The campaign web site can be found at:

malcolmthomas2008.com

Be sure to bookmark the site and check back often during the campaign. This will be the quickest way to stay up-to-date with all that is happening.

You are able to register on the web site to volunteer for a number of campaign jobs. Be sure to register - this is how we will call volunteers when they are needed.

You may e-mail the campaign at:

info@malcolmthomas2008.com

Malcolm and his granddaughters



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What Happens Next?

Home Meetings will begin the week of April 14, 2008

Register on the web site to schedule a meeting with your friends and family or call 968-9400 to get on the schedule.

Campaign Kick-off Rally

Date: Saturday, May 17, 2008

Location: Cordova Square—Center Court (enter from Bayou Blvd) look for signs

Time: 11 AM to 3 PM

Food will be provided.

Yard signs and T-shirts will be available!

Bring your family and invite your friends to come meet Malcolm and join in the fun!

March Happenings:

- Malcolm Thomas pre-filed on March 3
- Petition cards were collected in 7 days!
- Web site design completed
- Campaign palm cards available
- **Over 110** volunteers contributed money; many more gave time and energy (March report will be available on April 10th)



- Pick up palm cards
- Register on the web site
- Talk to your friends