

### **Student 5 - In Response to School Board Member 3**

As a student at MUHS I respectfully disagree with your decision to not allow KIPP into our school system and this community. MUHS has been fighting a constant downhill battle with its financial situation and failing academics for years, yet the administration and the school board have yet to take any steps to reverse this trend and create a safe, supportive atmosphere where we as students can better strive for greatness and prepare for success. If KIPP is truly not the answer to our problems then what is? As our academic representatives of this community what steps are you prepared to take, if any, to reverse and rectify a problem that has been in our scholastic forefront for years now?

We are a student body of thinkers, inventors, creators, and innovators. We have the potential deep inside to become great leaders of this democratic nation, but we need some help. Our community is strong but over the years it has become fragmented by poverty, crime, and poor education. This is not a community that can be fixed overnight, but if the belief is there it is one that can begin to heal with the right care and support. The dissemination of MUHS is not a step forward but a giant leap backwards. Breaking this community apart will only lead to a weaker society, and right now we need all the strength we have. Please consider a different course of action other than the closing of MUHS and the separation of its students. Please help us recreate a community that we can be proud of, where everyone is equipped with the tools and knowledge to succeed. Help us fix what's broken, not bury what's yet to become deceased.