

The Education Foundation for the Flint Community Schools
Announces New City-wide Alumni Association

On behalf of the Education Foundation for the Flint Community Schools, Board Chair, Joe Eufinger, is pleased to announce the creation of a new city-wide alumni association for all Flint Community Schools, past, present and future. The new group is called the **Flint Alumni Connection**.

We believe that a strong community needs strong schools. We also believe that it is critical to keep our students in Flint, attending high school in Flint, and identifying Flint as their hometown.

So many of us have great memories of our high school years, perhaps particularly because of the friendships we made, or special teachers and staff who changed our lives for the better. We want to foster that kind of history for today's students.

So, whether you're a Colt, a Viking, an Indian or Phoenix, a Wildcat or Knight, we want to connect with you and ask you to help us connect today's Flint Jaguars with their hometown, keeping our kids in Flint and helping them stay connected for years to come.

Joe Eufinger has written a piece we want to share with you all about why this matters to him and how his experience with the FCS, as a student, and a teacher and coach, have shaped his life in a way he values tremendously.

We'd love to hear your story too. We hope to publish something monthly so please send us your reflection and we'll share it with the group.

We have some ideas in mind of what this Alumni Association might do including:

- Supporting existing alumni and reunion committees with publicity and networking;
- Supporting connections between alumni no matter what school they graduated from;
- Creating opportunities for all alumni to come together for any number of reasons; and,
- To help encourage pride in today's students for their high school and a sense of belonging to a community of people with shared experience.

Some other activities we've talked about include taking on responsibility and creating a central repository for archives, artifacts, photos, and stories to preserve the legacies of each Flint school, perhaps creating written and oral histories for generations to come.

The schools also need help in other ways such as restoring playgrounds and mentoring kids. We can serve as a conduit for volunteer opportunities and we may find projects we wish to adopt.

We know this isn't for everyone and that not everyone had a good high school experience, but maybe, with your involvement and effort, we can change that going forward for today's students.

If you have any interest in helping us work on this and build an association for all Flint graduates that helps us preserve the legacy of Union High School, Flint Technical, Central, Northern, Northwestern, and Southwestern, please let us know. If you'd like to help guide this new association, we'd welcome your advice and participation. Respond to this message via email, or Facebook or phone/text...or by mail.

Please share this with your friends. If there's anyone you'd like us to reach out to, please send us their contact information. If you do not want to receive emails from us again, please let us know by replying with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.

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