



Dear Stakeholder:

One of the most important goals of our nation and community is the development of a high-quality educational system that will prepare all young people for life in the global knowledge economy of the 21st Century. Indeed, few people could disagree with the belief that there is a historic and strong connection between our democratic society and the quality of our public education system.

With this thought in mind, the Muscofee County School District in partnership with the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries and Midtown, Inc. invites you to attend a very important evening with Mr. Jamie Vollmer, author of the book, *Schools Cannot Do It Alone*. Copies of the book are available through all Chattahoochee Valley Libraries.

This initiative is an outgrowth of my vision for our community and its educational system as articulated in my 120-Day Initial Assessment and Recommendation Report. Your presence and commitment to the vision, initiative, public education and all of our schools is essential for improvement and success. Join us at:

Location: George Washington Carver High School
3100 8th Street, Columbus, GA, 31906
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2014
Time: 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Vollmer, business man and attorney, once a harsh critic of public education, will share his personal experiences that led him to two critical discoveries. First, America's schools have a systems problem, not a people problem. We must change the system to get the graduates we want and need to be globally competitive. Second, we cannot touch the system without touching the culture of our schools and their surrounding community; everything that goes on inside a school is tied to local attitudes, values, traditions, and beliefs. Mr. Vollmer will engage the audience in a practical conversation to secure the understanding, trust, permission and support that schools need to change the system and increase student and district success. We know you and our community share this vision. With your individual and collective help we can do it!

We hope you will make plans to join us August 26th for what has the potential to be the beginning of "The Great Conversation" on behalf of our schools, students, and community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David F. Lewis".

David F. Lewis

From Harsh Critic To Outspoken Champion
Hear one of the nation's most powerful advocates
for our communities, our schools... and our children.



Jamie Vollmer

The award-winning corporate leader, consultant and best-selling author of
SCHOOLS CANNOT DO IT ALONE

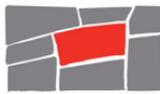


7:00 PM TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014
G.W. CARVER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Join MCSD Superintendent David Lewis to welcome Mr. Vollmer to Columbus



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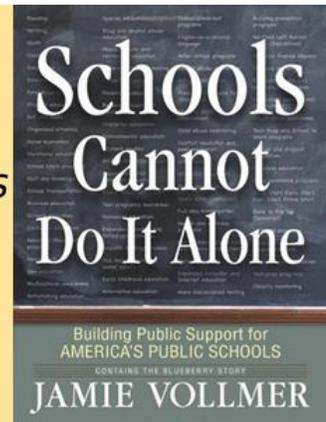
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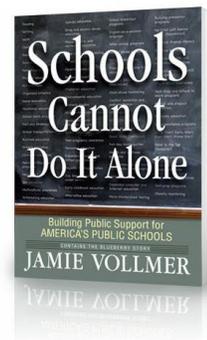
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"Public Education is a miracle. And this is its most hopeful time."

Conventional wisdom suggests the quote is wrong, but [JAMIE VOLLMER](#) is known for shattering conventional wisdom.

A former corporate president and harsh critic of most forms of public education, he has since used research and insight to become one of the most articulate advocates for students, teachers and communities. He cajoles, consults and leads businesses and schools to engage in [“The Great Conversation,”](#) his statistics-based blueprint for the transformation of our children’s education. And communities across the country are doing just that... working together to remove barriers to the success of current and future generations.



Muscogee County School District Superintendent David Lewis is a longtime supporter of Mr. Vollmer. “He has served as both inspiration and guide to communities across the country grappling with the increasing burdens placed on our educational system,” says Superintendent Lewis. “In a time when many seem ready to dismiss the importance of public schools, Mr. Vollmer provides a workable blueprint for communities to exploit constituent and commercial support for the good of all – not just the students, parents, teachers but all citizens and organizations.”

Join Superintendent Lewis and the community for an evening of humor, perspective and motivation to start and continue “**The Great Conversation.**” [JAMIE VOLLMER](#) will inspire us to innovate and support education worthy of our community and its bright future.

The public presentation will be held at **7:00pm** on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014**. This free event will be held in the **G.W. CARVER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**, located at [3100 8th STREET](#) in Columbus.

Copies of Mr. Vollmer's book *SCHOOLS CANNOT DO IT ALONE* will be available for sale via cash or credit card. Mr. Vollmer will be happy to sign copies after the event.

[WATCH THIS PREVIEW VIDEO TELLING THE STORY OF MR. VOLLMER'S TRANSFORMATION FROM CRITIC TO CHAMPION](#)

For more information on the event, please contact the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries (706) 243-2669, MidTown, Inc. (706) 494-1663 or the Muscogee County School District Department of Communications, (706) 748-2034.

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