



## MNEA Statement on District 5 Mailer

July 25, 2016

MNEA supports the candidacy of Christiane Buggs, an educator running for Metro School Board in District 5, because of her dedication to public education and her depth of understanding on the issues facing our public schools, students, parents, and employees. On July 23, a mailer in support of Christiane Buggs, which contained a reference to her being an incumbent, began to arrive at homes of voters in the fifth district. MNEA arranged for the printing and distribution of the postcard as an independent expenditure. We had no intent of misleading the public or of misrepresenting Christiane's qualifications, which are clearly superior. MNEA would never do anything to tarnish Christiane's reputation or diminish our chances of winning in District 5.

Some, including two of Ms. Buggs' opponents, have suggested that she should respond to the flyer. However, Ms. Buggs does not owe anyone an apology, statement, or repudiation as the error was not hers and since the mailer in question was clearly an independent expenditure. As president of the Metropolitan Nashville Education Association, I shall take full responsibility for the error because I did not review the work of those who prepared the flyer on MNEA's behalf. MNEA sincerely regrets the error and continues to encourage every voter in the fifth district to vote for Christiane Buggs, the most qualified candidate for School Board in that race.

Erick E. Huth, Ed.D.  
President  
Metropolitan Nashville Education Association

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erick E. Huth".

Erick E. Huth, Ed. D.  
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