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## **Alignment Nashville prepares parents for the school year**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (July 23, 2009) –Parent University, partnership of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools and Alignment Nashville, will host *Be A+ Parent*, Saturday, July 25, from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., at Tennessee State University’s Avon Williams Campus. This one-day seminar is designed to educate parents on how to prepare their children for elementary, middle, and high school for the 2009-10 academic school year and provide assistance to their children throughout their entire education.

“The *Be A+ Parent* conference is about helping parents to better support their kids in what Metro Nashville teachers are teaching,” said Francie Hunt, co-chair of the Parent University Community. “The material and information that is being provided through these workshops is all about helping parents better support the child’s needs to excel in school, and, ultimately in the future.”

Parent University is a comprehensive parent education programs that collaborates with Nashville’s dynamic non-profit community. Organizations provide education programs and share information with parents to strengthen the skills of students. Parent University has previously focused its efforts on the importance of high school graduation and MNPS High School Redesign with the introduction of Smaller Learning Communities.

More than 200 parents have registered to attend Parent University’s *Be A+ Parent*, participating in a wide array of seminars. Topics include: Parent Advocacy, Creating Resilient Children, Comprehensive Child Development, Communicating Available Resources, Parent Engagement, Cultural Understanding, Non-Traditional Support, and Youth Culture. After finishing the seminars, parents will ‘graduate,’ and be equipped with skills to assist their children throughout the school year.

Alignment Nashville brings community organizations and resources into alignment to support Nashville’s youth. The committees of Alignment Nashville have a positive impact on public school success and the success of our community as a whole. Alignment Nashville was developed to ensure all the services children need are provided for them in an effective and efficient way that complements their education and the goals of the public schools. For more information on Alignment Nashville visit, <http://www.alignmentnashville.org/about>

Metro Nashville Public Schools provide a range of educational opportunities to more than 75,000 students in Nashville and Davidson County. The governing body for MNPS is the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Board of Public Education, a nine-member group elected by residents of Metropolitan Nashville. For more information, please visit [www.mnps.org](http://www.mnps.org).

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