

Dear Friends,

At Ed, **our mission is to put students first.** But often people ask, “What does Ed do?”

The answer is simple: we work to make sure students are prepared to achieve their goals through direct programming in schools, we provide a space for teachers to explore innovative ways to inspire students, and we advocate for education policies that create systemic change. It's a lot, but we're in it for the long haul.

Stories like the ones you've encountered here take on a new meaning today in the wake of COVID-19. We have a clearer view of the gaps in education and the ways in which it must be reimaged. Ed is uniquely positioned to do this.

So here's what we ask of you: **Keep believing in the students of Birmingham City Schools.** As the "ALL IN" film reminds us, our students are our future. Keion represents the endless potential of our young people in Birmingham. As adults, it is our responsibility to help those who will come after us. No politics, no pretense, no changes in leadership can take that away.

To our students: No matter where you are today, we commit to doing everything we can to help you prepare for a challenging world, to share new opportunities, to help you build your network, and to inspire you to be curious. You are deserving of all of the things you want for yourself. You are worthy to be a part of the conversation about your education.

We are still a long way from realizing a dream of equitable public education for all, which is why Ed is committed to maintaining a focus on the entire ecosystem. And if there's anything we've learned in our story so far, it's that we can't do it without you.

In courage and love,

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