



A New Start for SLPS

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Control of the St. Louis Public School District is now in the hands of the three-member transitional school board today, after Cole County Circuit Court Judge Richard Callahan [ruled](#) against giving the St. Louis school board a temporary restraining order against the transitional school board. Now the CEO of the transitional school board, Rick Sullivan, is looking toward the future and plans on involving the whole community in the board's decision making:

Sullivan, who said he will not accept the salary he is entitled to under the statute that permits the city schools to operate as a transitional school district, promised that he and the board will not act impulsively.

He pledged that the community will play a major role in helping to find solutions for what he characterized as a crisis of regional proportion.

"There is no quick fix, there's no silver bullet. It is going to take the full engagement of the community and it is going to require the community to understand that this is going to take time, a lot of time," he said.

Time will tell if he lives up to his word, but his words shows the mature leadership that is needed to turn around the sorry state that the St. Louis Public school board is in. Compared

to some [actions](#) of individual board members, this is a great first step.

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