

Phalen model welcome at IPS school

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I am delighted that Indianapolis Public Schools has chosen to locate the first "innovation network school" at School 103. The Phalen innovation network school is desperately needed in this Far-Eastside neighborhood.

Three of my children attend School 103 and I've noticed the lack of quality education at the school, a lack of leadership, and the fact that the school culture is not inviting for parents. It is a school desperately in need of new ideas and leadership.

School 103 is the lowest-performing elementary school in IPS. Year-end testing data for School 103 showed that only 15.3 percent, that's only 20 students, passed both math and English on ISTEP. I'm glad IPS recognizes this is unacceptable.

I believe the Phalen model could give the school a boost and help the kids' grades go up. More importantly, this change will give kids and teachers something to look forward to: a brighter future.

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