



Ed Oakley has no position on education according to his position papers...

Source: <http://edoakley.com/issues.html>

The Facts about Ed Oakley's impact on education in his district:

Only 35% of the population in West Dallas over the age of 25 has completed high school, compared to 70 % completion with the rest of the city of Dallas.

In 2005, 2.2% of West Dallas residents had graduated from college compared to 28% for the city of Dallas.

Source: Research Compilation: West Dallas (Zip Code 75212) FCE-The J. McDonald Williams Institute. December 2006. P.11.

In a recent survey of West Dallas leaders, residents need GED programs, certification programs, and career development. Educating adults was a top concern for West Dallas residents.

Source: SJI Project Transformation Survey of West Dallas Leaders. 2007.

Tom Leppert: Unless we address this issue, providing a quality educational opportunity to every child, then all our other efforts to build this City will be for naught. We will continue to see families move out of the City (north, south, east and west), endanger our tax base, lose future economic development opportunities and see property values decline. This is unacceptable. In order for Dallas to be economically viable in the future, we must bring the middle class back into our city and develop the southern sector. The best way to improve property values and attract middle-income families is to reform the Dallas ISD. Without good schools it does not matter what else we do. The Mayor can and must work with the Dallas ISD on their transformation efforts. Also, strong public education is vital because companies looking to relocate in Dallas require an educated workforce to fulfill the new positions.

_Source: <http://www.vgt2004.org/a-dallas07/candidate-detail.go?id=6848683>