

Today, *Chattanooga Times Free Press* publisher and executive editor Tom Griscom published his last in a four-part series on the politics of Hamilton County Schools. In the headline, Mr. Griscom asked, “Where should we go next?”

His answer is this: We must hire a new schools superintendent who has vision, who is accountable, and who reaches out to the community.

I agree whole-heartedly with Mr. Griscom, although he does not mention the other half of the solution.

The other half of the solution is this: We must also elect county commissioners who also have vision, who also are accountable, and who also reach out to the community.

Our county deserves to be made WHOLE, not to be given a HALFWAY attempt at wholeness.

That will mean providing visionary and responsible leadership for the schools as well as for our county commission. The time is NOW for providing new leadership, generating fresh ideas, and restoring trust on the county commission. Not four years from now.

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