



[Birmingham City Schools](#) superintendent [Craig Witherspoon](#)'s been answering a lot of questions about the current state of the school system in recent weeks.

This photo was taken on Friday morning, May 11, during his remarks at [the monthly TechFriday event](#) at [Innovation Depot](#) downtown. [Earlier in the week he'd appeared with Mayor William Bell at the first of three community meetings](#) where he's updating parents and concerned citizens about the state of the school system and plans for its future. It's also been [an opportunity for him to explain his proposal for raising property taxes in the city by 3 mills](#) (generating approximately \$9 million/year).

[Witherspoon will be holding two more of those informational meetings this week.](#) Monday evening, May 14, will take place at the Davis Center, [417 29<sup>th</sup> St. S.](#) (between Pepper Place and the Lakeview commercial district). Tuesday evening, May 15, will take place at the Don Hawkins Recreation Center, [8920 Roebuck Blvd.](#) with Mayor Bell once again participating and talking about his bond proposal. Both meetings start at 6 p.m.