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In 2014, First Priority led an initiative to gather parents and community leaders to pray over the campuses of every school in Middle Tennessee. In coordination with this goal, Governor Haslam's office established a proclamation raising awareness of the event. The results of this one-day event were astonishing. Over 1,000 people at 89 schools united together in prayer for students, faculty, and administrators across the region.

Due to the profound impact this had on the communities, 3 state leaders asked the Governor to turn this proclamation into a law. After a short deliberation in both the State House and Senate, we are proud to announce that, on April 24, 2015, Governor Haslam signed *The Tennessee Weekend of Prayer over Students (#Pray4StudentsTN)* into law. Each year, on the first weekend of August, a time of Sabbath prayer will be dedicated to every school and every student in Middle Tennessee. In 2017, over 3,500 people gathered to pray on over 160 schools in our region, it was an amazing weekend.



This year, #Pray4StudentsTN will occur on August 4th and 5th. First Priority is working with hundreds of churches throughout Middle Tennessee to secure a time and host for over 200 schools in the region. The goal is to provide at least one united time of prayer at each school. This will take approximately 250 volunteers and result in 5,000 or more individuals gathering to pray over this 2-day period.

Our team has already received a personal note from one principal in Davidson County thanking us for our efforts, simply saying that *“what you are gathering community leaders to do is huge, it will concisely set up our school year like nothing else can.”*

How can you get involved?

1. **Be a Captain** - With over 200 schools in the region, we need volunteers who will serve as point people at each campus for these times of prayer. Please reach out to our office to learn how to become the Captain for your local school.
2. **Tell the Story** - With over 1,500 churches in the area, we cannot connect with everyone on our own. Help us spread the word by inviting your church, community group, or local bible study to get involved. Our office is working tirelessly to unite Christians and connect them to their schools of interest for prayer that weekend.
3. **Join in Prayer** - As we get closer to the #Pray4StudentsTN events on August 4th and 5th, we will publish times and locations for these gatherings at FPNashville.com and state wide at Pray4StudentsTN.com. We want to welcome you to join us for as many of these meetings as possible.

With all that our nation and communities are facing right now, there is no greater call than that of united prayer for our children and their futures. Will you join us?

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

Please contact our office ASAP to get involved.