When it comes to student success and workforce development, we see MNPS and Nashville State as one institution with one purpose. Our MNPS graduates attend Nashville State more than any other college. Our institutions must be united in helping all of them succeed.

*Dr. Adrienne Battle, Director, Metro Nashville Public Schools*
By working together, we are creating a longer runway for students to build the skills and confidence they need to attend and complete college, which is still the strongest ladder to greater economic and social mobility and success.

Dr. Shanna L. Jackson, President, Nashville State Community College

**KEY INITIATIVES TO DATE**

Additional strategic partners have been brought aboard and several key Better Together initiatives are already underway to help address these goals:

- **Expanded Dual Enrollment**
  MNPS and NSCC are working together to enroll even more MNPS students in dual enrollment courses. Dual enrollment offers MNPS students college-level academics, early college credit, and a potential industry credential. This early college experience also helps demystify college to help increase enrollment and retention.

- **BrightPath Tutoring and Mentoring**
  In addition to the volunteer mentoring tnAchieves provides all Tennessee Promise-eligible students, Better Together is also working with BrightPath to provide MNPS high school students and recent graduates with free, one-on-one virtual tutoring and mentoring. Founded by recent Vanderbilt University graduates, BrightPath is helping prepare the students academically and supporting them individually during and after the transition to college.

- **Shared Data Dashboard & Goal-Setting**
  Working with tnAchieves, Better Together has constructed a shared data dashboard to track, monitor and utilize key information and milestone metrics about each MNPS student’s journey to and through Nashville State. Adding to the partnership, SCORE has supported on overall visioning, goal-setting, and project management.

- **Targeted Student Support & Interventions**
  Using the Shared Dashboard, the partners target specific reminders and interventions to encourage and assist students as they approach deadlines or face questions and hurdles during the college-going process.

- **Student Summer Success Course**
  Nashville State’s Student Summer Success Course, conducted in partnership with tnAchieves, offers incoming first-year students an immersive college summer experience to help them build the skills they need to be successful as a college student.

- **Nashville GRAD**
  With the support of the Mayor’s office, Metro Council, and community partners, Nashville GRAD aims to remove the non-academic barriers to college retention and completion, the Nashville GRAD program offers NSCC students direct financial assistance and wraparound supports, including money for textbooks and transportation, a laptop computer, and direct advising and career development support.

By working together to better align high school-to-college-to-career pathways and to increase the number of MNPS students who are enrolling in and completing a college degree or credential, MNPS and Nashville State are proving they are indeed, Better Together, in meeting the needs of Nashville’s growing economy and in preparing more students for success in college, career, and life.