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Trump: Restart nuke weapons tests

It would end three-decade moratorium on nuclear detonations

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President Donald Trump announced Oct. 29 that the United States will “immediately” resume nuclear weapons tests.

In a Truth Social post, Trump touted progress made on nuclear weapons modernization during his first term. But he warned that China’s nuclear weapons buildup will place Beijing’s arsenal

on equal footing with the United States and Russia “within 5 years.”

“Because of other countries [sic] testing programs, I have instructed the Department of War to start testing our Nuclear Weapons on an equal basis,” Trump said.

The move seemingly signals an abrupt end to a three-decade period during which the United States did not test any nuclear weapons. The moratorium on nuclear detonations was put in

place by former President George H.W. Bush, and the United States signed the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in 1996. The Senate voted against ratifying the treaty.

While China and Russia have renovated their historical nuclear test sites in recent years, only North Korea has detonated nuclear weapons since 1998.

It was not immediately clear from Trump’s post whether the United States would fire a nuclear warhead before

Russia or China does. All three countries – and other nuclear weapons states – routinely test their nuclear delivery platforms. Russia tested a new nuclear-powered cruise missile and a nuclear torpedo in recent days, and the United States test-launched a Minuteman III nuclear missile in May.

The announcement came as Trump traveled to Gimhae Air Base in South Korea for a hotly anticipated meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, their first face-to-face conversation since the

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From childhood poverty to ministering, the Rev. Solomon Kinloch Jr.’s mayoral candidacy has its roots in service



The Rev. Solomon Kinloch Jr., 52, who is running for mayor of Detroit, at Chroma, a co-working space he owns, located in the historic Milwaukee Junction neighborhood of Detroit. KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Inspired to help others in need



Annette Reed, of Detroit, talks with Detroit mayoral candidate the Rev. Solomon Kinloch Jr., of Triumph Church, after a town hall at Eastlake Baptist Church in Detroit on Sept. 18. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

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Growing up in poverty as a child on Detroit’s west side, sometimes wondering when and how he would get his next meal, the Rev. Solomon Kinloch Jr. says he can remember having “nothing,” including running water. The family would have to fill buckets at a neighbor’s house to use for drinking and taking a bath.

It was that hardship upbringing that fueled him, Kinloch said, to later serve his community — as a pastor. And, if his prayers are answered on election night, Nov. 4 — as mayor.

Struggling through that “nothing,” has been the impetus for Kinloch’s proposed policies related to addressing poverty and more to boost Detroiters’ quality of life, a message he poignantly expressed during his massive campaign kickoff announcement at the Fox Theatre in February. Kinloch and his family relied on the church community for meals, which empowered him to serve others in similar ways — including his mayoral run — and later establishing his religious community, and growing the Triumph Church empire.

“If it were not for the community stakeholders, the churches, the nonprofits in (my) community, there would be days we would not have eaten. There would be days that we would have went without just the basic essentials of life,” Kinloch said. “Throughout my entire life, that’s what has fueled me; in order to use every ounce of influence and platform that I’ve received; in order to make sure that I’m using that to help as many people as I can.”

“... That fueled me as a leader, and it fuels my candidacy right now.”

Kinloch began ministering at the age of 14 under the guidance of the Rev. Robert Smith Jr., the pastor at New Bethel Baptist Church, after his brother told the pastor that



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Schools ramp up to feed kids if SNAP put on pause

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Michigan’s public schools, long a refuge for children in need of a consistent breakfast and lunch, are searching and scraping to help feed children outside of school hours if federal nutrition assistance benefits are paused Nov. 1.

“I’m very worried,” said Camille Hibbler, superintendent of Ferndale Public Schools, a district where 54% of students are considered economically disadvantaged. “This will impact a large part of my student population. ... We’re already reaching out to families making sure they know they can tap into us as a resource.”

Administrators, including Hibbler and other education leaders, are worried about how hungry students will show up to school: tired, angry, unfocused — simply not equipped to learn.

Schools have long bridged hunger gaps for families by serving free breakfast and lunch to students from homes where parents and caregivers struggle to put food on the table. The state in recent years has doubled down on that service, making breakfast and lunch universally free for students, regardless of income. Now, as more than a million Michiganders could see food assistance benefits lapse due to the federal government shutdown, school leaders are anticipating even more pressure to feed kids.

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Susan Erspamer, executive director of the Hospitality House Food Pantry, smiles as she helps coordinate the Weekend Food Program in Commerce Township on Oct. 30. DAVID RODRIGUEZ MUNOZ/DETROIT FREE PRESS



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