

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B Resolution 2020 - 01
Resolution in Support of the Ann Beers Elementary School Parent
Teacher Organization (PTO) for school
Modernization in the FY21 Budget

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B is the Advisory Neighborhood Commission in whose geographic boundary the Ann Beers Elementary School resides, and;

Whereas, Ann Beers Elementary School (hereinafter Ann Beers ES) specifically resides within SMD 7B04, and;

Whereas, the Ann Beers ES Parent Teacher Organization (hereinafter Beers PTO) represents the general interests of the Parents, Students and Teachers that attend and/or work at Ann Beers ES, and;

Whereas, Ann Beers ES was approved by the DC Council and Mayor for a three Phase modernization prior to 2103, and that, Phase 1 was completed prior to the opening of the 2013/2014 school year, and;

Whereas, the Phase 1 modernization was deemed incomplete and unacceptable by the Ann Beers ES teachers, school administration and the Beers PTO, and;

Whereas the fire suppression sprinkler system addition as promised as part of the three-phase modernization was never completed and was subsequently “grandfathered” in as an exemption, and;

Whereas, the Public Address system, as also promised in the modernization plan was never installed, and;

Whereas, in the kitchen fire at Ann Beers ES in the spring of 2019, where no PA system could warn and inform other students and personnel in the building, creating a danger, further alerted DCPS, the Mayor and other DC elected officials of the magnitude of safety concerns, and;

Whereas, the Beers PTO has expressed to the same DC officials, the feeling of their negligence and indifference to safety and other concerns, such as

overcrowding, lack of adequate teaching space, non-functioning equipment such as Smartboards, old playground equipment and other concerns, and;

Whereas, Ann Beers ES is NOT on the FY 20-25 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) list for modernization, and;

Whereas, the Ed Spec document of 2012 for Phase 1 modernization cites the “Facilities Master Plan” proposed future capacity of 400 students for Beers ES, but the DC School Report Card for the 2019/2020 school year lists the **current** enrollment at 524 students and;


Whereas, under the PACE Act of 2016, DCPS added schools in FY 24 based on the new PACE modernization prioritization formula that significantly reduced the measurement impacts of “Equity” and “Community Need,”

Be It Resolved, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B fully supports the Beers PTO call for:

- a) Budgeted CIP dollars, starting in the FY21 budget for a reassessment plan for an implementation of Phase 2 and Phase 3 school modernization;
- b) Budgeted CIP dollars, in the FY22 thru FY24 budget, for the implementation of Phase 2 and Phase 3 modernization;
- c) The immediate addressing of non-functioning school equipment, and other concerns raised by the Beers PTO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

ANC 7B supports this resolution as it was voted on at its Monthly Public Meeting held on February 20, 2020, which was properly noticed and which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.



D. L. Humphrey,
Chairman, ANC Commission 7B