

## **Resolution to Ensure Full, Fair, and Equitable Funding for Ward 7 DCPS Schools**

We, the undersigned, being all the duly elected representatives of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (7) consent and agree the following resolution was made at our April 2019 meeting on *(date)*.

We do hereby consent to the adoption of the Ward 7 Education Council's Resolution to fully, fairly, and equitably our DCPS Ward 7 schools.

Whereas Ward 7 is home to 18 DC Public Schools, most of which are losers in Mayor Bowser's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20). Our schools serve high numbers of at-risk students but are receiving some of the lowest levels of funding support in "real dollars."

Whereas we come before the DC Council to demand it fully, fairly, and equitably fund our schools. The DC Council must use the FY20 process as an opportunity to make a necessary investment in our neighborhood schools. We ask the DC Council to reverse the most troubling portions of these budget cuts and commence a multi-year project to grow our neighborhood schools and stabilize our matter-of-right feeder patterns. We ask the Council embrace a policy of working to ensure there are great matter-of-right schools from PreK through 12 in every community, beginning with our schools in Ward 7. Unfortunately, the Mayor's proposed budget does not advance these goals, but rather undermines them and reinforces a pattern of disinvestment from our neighborhood schools.

Whereas, we urge the Council to:

- Add \$4.5 million to the FY20 budget for DCPS Schools in Ward 7 to close the gap in the budget allotments between FY 19 and FY 20 due to added security and staff costs transferred to school budgets.
- Add \$2.8 million to the FY20 budget for DCPS Schools in Ward 7 to replace the at-risk funds being used to supplant and not supplement the comprehensive school staff model as the law requires.
- Embrace a multi-year effort at a cost of \$9 million to programmatically invest in our under-enrolled DCPS schools to strengthen our feeder system through HD Woodson and Anacostia pursuant to plans developed in collaboration with communities and with the expectation that that investment will more than pay for itself over time through savings and increased efficiencies.

Whereas these three investments offer a fiscally responsible path to achieve what is a universally acknowledged, but all too often ignored goal for the District -- to ensure a quality matter-of-right path from PreK through 12 for every family, in every community in the District, beginning with the feeder patterns in Ward 7 which have historically seen the least investment.

Now, therefore be it resolved the necessary dollars specified above must be allotted to fully, fairly, and equitably fund our schools.

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Chairperson Signature

A handwritten date '5/6/19' in blue ink, positioned above a horizontal line.

Date