



NAYLOR DUPONT
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B

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Resolution in Support of Safe School Reopening for School Year 20-21

During the public health emergency, ANC 7B strongly advises the Mayor, Deputy Mayor for Education, the DC Public Schools Chancellor, the Office of the State Superintendent for Education, and the DC Public Charter School Board to consider the following:

- Whereas ANC7B is home to three public schools, two DC Public Schools and one Charter School
- Whereas the Mayor announced that DCPS will start school virtually and encouraged Charter School to follow the same;
- Whereas nearly all DC Charter Schools have announced virtual learning for the start of the upcoming school year;
- Whereas the health and safety of school children, family, and staff must be prioritized for ALL schools;
- Whereas DCPS is reported to have invested \$17 million dollars in technology to meet the needs of at-home learning of students PK-12;
- Whereas, 44% of families surveyed indicated that they do not have access to a device at home;
- Whereas the digital divide is greatest felt by families and students East of the River;
- Whereas the needs, access, and resources for special needs students, early childhood students, and English Language Learners must be made a top priority;
- Whereas the need to create alternatives to in-person learning to include the possible use of outdoor education programming and repurpose public space as appropriate to support outdoor education programming that will ensure the safety of students and staff;
- Whereas families East of the River have been disproportionately infected by COVID-19 during this pandemic;

- Whereas Ward 7 has 1,981 reported positive cases, the 3rd highest in the District affecting the neighborhoods of Hillcrest/Naylor, Twining, and Ft. Dupont hardest;
- Whereas the health impact of COVID-19 to children is believed to be low, children may still spread the disease to adults, including teachers, parents, and grandparents;
- Whereas 601 District residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19;

ANC 7B deeply values public education, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

ANC7B implores the Mayor, Deputy Mayor for Education, the DC Public Schools Chancellor, the Office of the State Superintendent for Education, and the DC Public Charter School Board to open schools only when it is SAFE;

- **provide ALL students with the needed electronic device for virtual learning at home to include internet hot spot without an “opt-in” requirement;**
- communicate timely to the public about its plans for the 2020–2021 school year beyond November 2020 that includes clear public health goals to govern in-person school reopening decisions to ensure compliance with Center for Disease Control guidelines for schools, including protocols for cleaning and disinfection high touch areas in classrooms and common places in schools, providing basic cleaning products for the restrooms, and upgrading the HVAC System in ALL Schools;
- develop a curriculum to address the learning loss that students may have suffers as a result of the pandemic;
- pause standardized testing for two school years to provide the greatest flexibility to teachers and staff to remediate loss learning;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

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

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Chairman, ANC Commission 7B