



Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D

Resolution Supporting the Principles of the DC Boundary and Student Assignment Study

Introduced June 20, 2023

Whereas: The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) is conducting a Boundary and Student Assignment Study this year to review DC Public School (DCPS) boundaries and feeder patterns and District-wide public school student assignment policies;

Whereas: The goals of the study are to 1) provide students with clear assignments to schools of right based on DCPS attendance zones and feeder pathways, 2) ensure adequate capacity in the geographically zoned DCPS facilities at each grade level, including feeder pathways, and 3) ensure equitable access among District students to high-quality public schools;

Whereas: The Advisory Committee on Student Assignment – a group of education stakeholders from all eight wards – is tasked with creating recommendations for attendance zones, feeder patterns, and school assignment policies;

Whereas: The Advisory Committee is considering a set of nine principles to guide its recommendations, including but not limited to predictability and continuity, and racial and ethnic diversity;

Whereas: The eastern and southern portions of Mt Pleasant were recently added into the boundary area for Deal Middle School as part of the 2014 Boundary Study;^[1]

Whereas: Bancroft Elementary School's student body consists of 71% non-white students, 52% English language learners, 19% at-risk children, and 14% students with special education needs;^[2]

Whereas: Bancroft Elementary School is the only school in the current Deal Middle School feeder pattern that has a student population that is majority Hispanic/Latino;^[2]

Therefore, be it resolved that: ANC 1D supports the principle-centered process of the Boundary and Student Assessment Study and encourages Mayor Bowser, Deputy Mayor Kihn, and the Advisory Committee on Student Assignment to recognize the role that the Mt Pleasant

neighborhood and Bancroft Elementary School play in advancing the key principles set forth by the Advisory Committee.

Be it further resolved that: The Advisory Committee on Student Assignment ensures that interpretation is available at all future community meetings that is inclusive of the diverse communities across the city, including Spanish speakers residing in 1D.

Be it further resolved that: That the Commission designates Commissioner Omar Parbhoo, ANC 1D05, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

Be it further resolved that: That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

Be it further resolved that: Consistent with DC Code, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions, and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

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Certification: At a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting held on June 20, 2023 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D considered the above resolution. With a quorum of 6 Commissioners present, the Commission voted with 6 yea's, 0 no's, and 0 abstentions to adopt the above resolution. Voting yes: Grigg, Nunez, Romero-Castillo, Parbhoo, Allison, Decker.

^[1] <https://dme.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dme/publication/attachments/Deal.pdf>

^[2] <https://profiles.dcps.dc.gov/Bancroft+Elementary+School>