

C4DC Newsletter

Coalition for DC Public Schools and Communities (C4DC) is a coalition of groups and organizations that share values and priorities essential to excellent and equitable District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS).

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Our Own: Allyson Criner Brown: Engagement for Equitable Outcomes

<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781538134511/Engagement-for-Equitable-Outcomes-A-Practitioner%E2%80%99s-Playbook> WUSA9 did a segment on the May 29th event:

<https://youtu.be/fmHIO6IKDlc>.

Ward7EdCouncil’s final meeting of the school year is Thursday, June 2 at 6:30

pm. Please join us. We will be discussing school safety issues with representatives from

@dcps, @mpd, @ERFSC, @BlackSwanAcad & community. Zoom Meeting

Info: us02web.zoom.us/j/87293084961?... Meeting ID: 872 9308 4961 Code: 330702

Wellness Policy: <https://publicinput.com/localwellness22> DCPS is seeking comments on a proposed draft of the Local Wellness Policy as part of our periodic policy review process and in order to best support and provide for student and staff wellness. As a part of our commitment to supporting the needs of the whole child, DCPS plays a

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critical role in promoting student health and wellness. A school environment that encourages the overall health of students and provides tools that lead to lifelong patterns of healthy behaviors is integral to a student's ability to learn and develop in all facets.

Please provide all feedback by Friday, June 3, 2022 at this link:

publicinput.com/localwellness22 Questions? DCPS.POLICY@k12.dc.gov

Safe and Positive Schools DCPS: DCPS has issued a request for qualifications followed by a request for proposals for security guards to work in its DCPS schools. As of 2020 DCPS assumed full responsibility for security in its buildings. The current SAMS contract was extended and expires in July (2022). DCPS will have a revised policy out for engagement and review this summer.

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is open. The first District wide benchmark for DCPS schools was 60% by May 3rd. Families can re-enroll by completing enrollment packet, providing proof of DC residency and then submitting these both to your school. This can be done online or in person. The DCPS enrollment team email is enroll@k12.dc.gov

Globalize DC: <https://www.globalizedc.org/opportunities/overview/> Globalize DC serves as an information clearinghouse for all those involved and interested in K-12 global education in Washington, DC. We want to do all we can to help educators, students, and parents learn about and take advantage of the wealth of global education opportunities, resources, and programs available at little or no cost. Through our website, written communications, and face-to-face interactions, we want to be your best source for the latest information on what's going on globally in the city as it relates to elementary, middle, and senior high school students. *Please note: Because our goal is to provide accessible opportunities, we concentrate on free and almost free opportunities, rather than fee-based programs.*

Budget Decisions: Pending the final votes on the budget: to name a few: base funding of \$12,419 per student, with additional money going to certain subgroups of students, including those who receive special education services. A \$41.6 million increase in funding for schools with high at-risk populations, paired with a mechanism intended to lock in that uptick in funding. See [here](#). 17m to ready Garnet Patterson for the Roosevelt STAY program. Funding for a middle school to be built at the former Banneker HS site on Euclid St. Funding for an Master Facilities Plan update, Boundary Review study and Adequacy Study in the DME budget.

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The PACE Act defined the priorities that must be followed in prioritizing capital projects for DCPS. This gives the project description and dates for each of those projects as well as swing space.

<https://lms.dccouncil.us/downloads/LIMS/49314/Introduction/RC24-0160-Introduction.pdf>

OSSE on the STAR Report Card. [Here](#) is the powerpoint presentation from OSSE on the accountability items they are addressing now. Note the change in the Access Exit score from 5 to 4.5. In seat attendance is removed, chronic absenteeism is there. The graduation rate is required by the Dept of Education- it is for 4 and 5 year. There are a number of other changes. Will it be a summative score for limited purposes or a summative rating? OSSE agrees to a change to a dashboard after engagement this coming year. Please review and let your SBOE member know your thoughts. **Here** is the resolution passed by the SBOE this year recommending a dashboard instead of the STAR rating.

Attendance Policy Revision: Through this [rulemaking](#), OSSE is redefining what constitutes the definition of “present” from requiring students to be present in school for 80 percent of the instructional day to requiring students be present for 60 percent of the instructional day. The SBOE will vote on this so that it may be implemented for

School Parking Zones: Schools hoping to be prepared to apply for SPZ permits can prepare by developing a School Sustainable Transportation Plan:

<https://godcgo.com/school>

Applications for DCTAG for college (Tuition Assistance Grants) open on February 1.

Learn more at <https://osse.dc.gov/prepare>

[DCFPI Blog](#)

https://www.dcfpi.org/issue-areas/early-child-pre-k-12-education/?_sft_issue=featured

Candidate Information and Voting: See Candidate Survey Answers **Here** The Primary Election in the District of Columbia will take place on June 21, 2022. Primaries in DC are closed primaries, to vote you must be registered as a member of the Democratic,

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Republican, Statehood Green or Libertarian parties. Go to this website to get information and check your registration <https://dcboe.org/PrimaryElection2022> There are three ways to vote: Mail-in: Each active registered voter will be sent a mail-in ballot ahead of the June 21st primary. The mail-in ballots can be dropped in any ballot drop box at any time beginning Friday, May 27th until 8pm on June 21, 2022.

<https://dcboe.org/Voters/Where-to-Vote/Mail-Ballot-Drop-Boxes> Early voting June 10th to 19th 8:30am to 7Pm - any one of listed voting centers

<https://earlyvoting.dcboe.org/>In-person voting at your precinct on June 21

<https://dcboe.org/Voters/Where-to-Vote/Find-Out-Where-to-Vote>

Upcoming SBOE and Council Hearings:

- **C4DC website blog** has member testimony on recent Council hearing on the Budget bills. You can review them [here](#).
- **SBOE** . Sign up [here](#) to testify at SBOE meetings. Working meetings are the first Wednesday - available to watch. SBOE meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday.
- **Committee of the Whole Hearings and Roundtables**. Hearing Notices, Witness Lists, and Submitted Testimony for hearings can be viewed [here](#). Check the hearing notices for additional information about providing testimony.
- **Council Budget Vote**: The DC Council approved the Local Budget Act (LBA), allocating funding for District agencies and programs. The next step in the budget process is a vote on June 7th for the Budget Support Act (BSA), which includes laws to implement the budget.

News

- **DCPS Principal Changes for SY 2022-2023**: High Schools: Phelps, Jackson Reed and McKinley, Eastern Middle: MacFarland and Ida B Wells, Hardy, Kelly Miller: Elementary: Shepherd, Seaton, Minor, Van Ness, Nalle ES, Excel Academy, Eaton ES. . [Here](#) is a generic power point based on one that was given to one of the schools. **Announcements**: Jackson Reed: Sah Brown(from Eastern HS); McKinley: Kortni Stafford (from Kelly Miller MS); MacFarland: Lucas Cook (from Hardy);Phelps: Cara

Fuller(from Ballou STAY). To be determined: Eastern, Hardy, Ballou STAY, Kelly Miller, Seaton, Shepherd, Ida B Wells, Minor, Van Ness, Nalle ES, Excel Academy Eaton ES

- **DC-XQ Partnership:** Ten DCPS high schools have applied to explore the redesign opportunity further. They built design teams of educators, students, families, and community members. Over the summer, six finalists will continue refining school models, with an eye toward submitting their final designs in August.
- **DCPS Opening a High School on the MacArthur Blvd Site, formerly Georgetown Day School.** DCPS is poised to open a second high school in Ward 3 to relieve the crowding at the Jackson Reed Campus. There is some question on the final enrollment capacity - either 750 or 1,000. This school will be the high school for Hardy MS students to feed into. They currently feed into Jackson Reed. Principal selection and program are not yet decided. The school is set to open in the fall of 2023 with a 9th grade class.

School Renaming; John Lewis Elementary School is now formally named and the signage is



up



These are the family members of Edna Jackson the first African American teacher at the former Wilson HS and Ms. Vincent Reed. Vincent Reed was the first African American principal of the former Wilson, now Jackson Reed HS.

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Standing Meetings: Ward Councils and C4DC Members

Information and Meetings- click to get to websites

- **Ward 2 Education Council:** Email: Ward2EdCouncil@gmail.com Website: www.Ward2EdCouncil.org Meetings:
- **Ward 3 – Wilson Feeder Education Network** Email: w3ednet@gmail.com Meetings: Monthly on second Monday of the month.
- **Ward 4 Education Alliance** Email: Ward4edalliance@gmail.com Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month
- **Ward 5 Education Equity Committee** Email: contact@ward5eec.org Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month (September to June), email for Zoom link.
- **Ward 6 Public Schools Parent Organization (W6PSPO)** Email: m.godec@att.net or chpspo@gmail.com Meetings: Third Tuesday of every month
- **Ward 7 Education Council** Email: ward7ed@yahoo.com Meetings: First Thursday of each month at 6:30, email for zoom link. Please plan to join us on Thursday, January 6th at 6:30pm for our next virtual general body meeting. As we reflect on the last year and look forward to the upcoming year,
- **Ward 8 Education Council** Email: ward8educationcouncil@gmail.com
- **Senior High Alliance of Parents, Principals and Educators (SHAPPE):** Email: dc.shappe@gmail.com Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month on zoom
- **Public School Partnership Program – The Washington Lawyers' Committee**
- **Media Partners:** [We Act Radio/Education Townhall](http://WeActRadio.com)
<https://educationtownhall.org/about/> and **Educationdc.net:**
<https://educationdc.net/>

“The Catchup”: Useful DC Education Videos and Links

- **EmpowerEd has started a new initiative to reduce very long education meetings, hearings, etc... down to 10 minute highlight reels** to make them more accessible to the public. All of them will be accessible via this [YouTube playlist here](#) and also posted on twitter, facebook etc...
- **Education By the Numbers:** <https://educationdc.net/>