



## Council of the District of Columbia

John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Brianne K. Nadeau  
Councilmember, Ward 1

**Chairperson**  
Human Services Committee

**Committee Member**  
Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization  
Government Operations  
Health

September 26, 2018

Paul Kihn  
Acting Deputy Mayor for Education  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Suite 307  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Acting Deputy Mayor Kihn,

On September 17, I hosted a Town Hall meeting focused on the search for the District of Columbia Public Schools Chancellor and the Deputy Mayor for Education. This event was an opportunity for residents of Ward 1 to share their thoughts on this search. Attendees split into three groups where they worked on and answered three questions. One of these questions related to the search of a new Deputy Mayor for Education. The question asked: *What programs or ideas would you like to see the Deputy Mayor for Education prioritize?* Our groups answered this question by providing their three top answers. Responses to these questions were as follows:

Group 1:

1. Prioritizing neighborhood schools
2. Mental health/trauma, wraparound services, Out of School Time funding
3. One cohesive plan for all DCPS Schools

Group 2:

1. Equity: considering the role of Charters and how they lead to segregation
2. More students back to DCPS, funds follow students
3. Building one, cross-sector ecosystem in which agencies work with schools

Group 3:

1. Master education plan with a cross-sector look, a DC-wide approach that is considerate of the entire education ecosystem
2. Community partnerships, culturally responsive approaches
3. Commitment to neighborhood schools-model

I urge you to consider these programs and ideas in your work moving forward. As the Councilmember from Ward 1, I will focus on many of these issues in my oversight of your office. I wish you the best of luck in your new role and look forward to working with you to ensure the District's education system is a shining example for the rest of the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brianne K. Nadeau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brianne K. Nadeau  
Councilmember, Ward 1

Cc:

David Grosso, Chairperson, Committee on Education

Laura Wilson Phelan, Member for Ward 1, District of Columbia State Board of Education

Steve Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments