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Resolution Calling for DCPS to Fully Fund All DCPS Schools

Whereas, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) authorizes student funding using the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula (UPSFF) that sets a base funding number for every student along with supplemental weighted funding for specific cases that require additional funds. In addition, the DC “Fair Student Funding and School-Based Budgeting Amendment Act of 2013” (Fair Student Funding Act) provides for the addition of funds for students determined to be At-Risk. These At-Risk funds are IN ADDITION to the funds generated by the UPSFF funding mechanism; and

Whereas, the funding mechanism described above was specifically intended to follow STUDENTS and not SCHOOLS, especially in the case of the At-Risk funding; and

Whereas, Charter schools are funded using the same formula; and

Whereas, a significant, unexplained disparity exists between what schools in Ward 3 actually receive in their DCPS-mandated budget and what they should receive based on the UPSFF and the Fair Student Funding Act; and

Whereas, that disparity (see Exhibit A, Table 1a) has grown to the point that the DCPS high school that receives the most per student funding (Coolidge at \$17,623, see Exhibit A, Table 1b) receives twice the amount that the high school with the lowest per student funding (Woodrow Wilson High School at \$8,556, see Exhibit A, Table 1a); and

Whereas, the school that receives the lowest amount of per student (\$8,556), Woodrow Wilson High School, has the 4th highest number of At-Risk students (636) in the DCPS system, more than the entire student enrollment of Anacostia, Coolidge, Roosevelt and Banneker High Schools; and

Whereas, almost all the schools in Ward 3 receive dramatically less in actual budgets compared to what the UPSFF and Fair Student Funding Act require based on the number and circumstances of the students attending those schools (see Exhibit A, Table 5a); and

Whereas, the budgets of the vast majority of DCPS schools outside Ward 3 reflect the funding total the UPSFF and the Fair Student Funding Act prescribe they should receive (see Exhibit B), thus suggesting that DCPS indeed believes that there is a valid link between that funding formula and what each STUDENT should receive to support a decent, equitable education.

Now, therefore, in recognition of these considerations, ANC 3E adopts the following resolution.

Resolved, ANC 3E urges DCPS to fully fund ALL DCPS schools using the UPSFF and the Fair Student Funding Act formulas to ensure every DCPS student receives a decent and equitable education.

Be it further resolved, ANC 3E urges DCPS to create a method for ensuring and easily showing residents how each DCPS student receives the funding granted them by law and publish that information in addition to their yearly budget.

The resolution passed by a vote of 5-0-0 at a properly noticed meeting held on May 12, 2015, at which a quorum was present, with Commissioners Bender, McHugh, Hall, Quinn, and Wallace in attendance.

ANC 3E
By Jonathan Bender, Chairperson