

concerns are broader than one denied change request at one high school. This lack of transparency and accountability is endemic to the DCPS system; and

Whereas, accountability and transparency are critically important for faith in our public institutions; they are the foundational elements of public trust, and instill the public with confidence that those institutions are operating effectively and aligned with the priorities that we as a community decide. We are deeply concerned that the DCPS staffing and budgeting decisions that affect our children are made under a cloak of secrecy; and

Whereas, it is clear that the petition process, as well as the budgeting process in general, is opaque to parents and taxpayers, and therefore in need of a better understanding of how schools are faring in this process.

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

Resolved, ANC 3E asks that DCPS provide:

1. For each traditional DCPS school, for the past four years, a list of change requests submitted, the disposition of each request, the name of the Central Office staff member/department that made the decision, and the number of denials that were appealed.
2. An analysis by school type (high school, middle school, and elementary school) of the aggregate number of change requests submitted each year over the past four years and the number approved and denied.
3. A list of the individuals in DCPS that are authorized to approve or deny these principal budgeting and staffing requests. Please provide the number of individuals a principal at elementary, middle, or high school level could have to ask for any such requests.
4. Please provide the written criteria by which these requests are evaluated and determinations are made. On what basis are principal requests evaluated? Does DCPS central office have written criteria that staff must use in approving or denying these requests? If so, we ask that you make them publicly available on the DCPS website for parents and taxpayers.
5. What is the process by which a principal can appeal a denial? Does DCPS have written guidelines for such appeals? If so, we ask that you make them publicly available on the DCPS website for parents and taxpayers.

Be it further resolved, that this data would also be useful for the newly created Education Research Practice Partnership to incorporate into its records and make publicly available.

The resolution passed by a vote of 0 - 0 - 0 at a properly noticed meeting held on April 11, 2019, at which a quorum was present, with Commissioners Bender, Hall, McHugh, Quinn, and Ehrhardt in attendance.

ANC 3E

By Jonathan Bender, Chairperson