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Resolution Regarding the District of Columbia Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and Murch Elementary School

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions were created to “advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency with respect to all proposed matters of District government policy,” including education;

Whereas, the purpose of the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) is “to ensure that every student attends a great school, and that every school meets high standards in all areas that affect student achievement;”

Whereas, ANC 3E recognizes that the success of all DCPS neighborhood schools are critical to the future of our neighborhoods;

Whereas, Benjamin W. Murch Elementary School's enrollment has increased by 48 students since the start of the school year (from 622 to 670), an additional 48 students is the equivalent of more than two whole classes, an unexpected enrollment growth this year;

Whereas, a portion of ANC 3E located west of 41st Street is located within the boundaries of Murch Elementary School;

Whereas,, The Washington Teachers Union contract states that “maximum class size shall not exceed 20 for Kindergarten through Grade 2;”

Whereas, Murch Grade Two classrooms in 2023-24 will include more than 28 students, and Grade One will have more than 25, not including students who will arrive after the beginning of the school year;

Whereas, Murch is a diverse and growing school including English Language Learners, historically underserved students, students with COVID learning loss, and others requiring additional supports;

Whereas, Murch’s diversity and its reputation for academic excellence is the reason why many families have moved to our neighborhood;

Whereas, to address overcrowding and support all Murch students, the school is requesting funding to provide early learners additional educators to support their needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3E urges the Council to allocate an additional \$230,324 for the 2023-24 school year to support Murch Elementary School.

Be it further resolved that the ANC 3E authorizes Commissioner Quinn to speak on behalf of the Commission on this subject.

ANC 3E approved this resolution at its meeting on May 11, 2023, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 6-0-0. Commissioners Jonathan Bender, Matthew Cohen, Jeffrey Denny, Rohin Ghosh, Amy Hall and Tom Quinn were present.

ANC 3E
By Jonathan Bender, Chairperson