

# DCPS RISING LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

10.17.16  
Meeting 4

# GOALS FOR TODAY'S MEETING

- **Finalize recommendations memo!**
- **Understand next steps in the selection process**

# AGENDA

- **Welcome (6-6:10)**
- **Final Community Engagement Report (6:10-6:15)**
- **Student Focus Group Summary (6:15-6:25)**
- **Committee Recommendations (6:25-7:45)**
- **Looking Ahead & Next Steps (7:45-8)**

# GROUP NORMS AND EXPECTATIONS

We want members to:

- Advocate for what is best for DC students and families and not just what is best for one particular community or interest
  
- Honor the process
  - Be mindful of the confidentiality agreement
  - Be considerate of the safe space created among the group
  
- Be open-minded
  - Genuinely consider alternatives to your own opinions
  - Respect each others' opinion
  - Generate and consider creative ideas/solutions

# COMMITTEE GOALS

The goals of the Committee are to:

- Make recommendations to the Mayor on the most important factors that she should consider when making a selection
- Make recommendations to the Mayor on the key DCPS priorities that will ensure a strong start for the new Chancellor
- Consider and synthesizes citywide public input when making recommendations

**Deliverable: Memo to the Mayor with recommendations on the factors she should consider when making her selection.**

# COMMITTEE TIMELINE

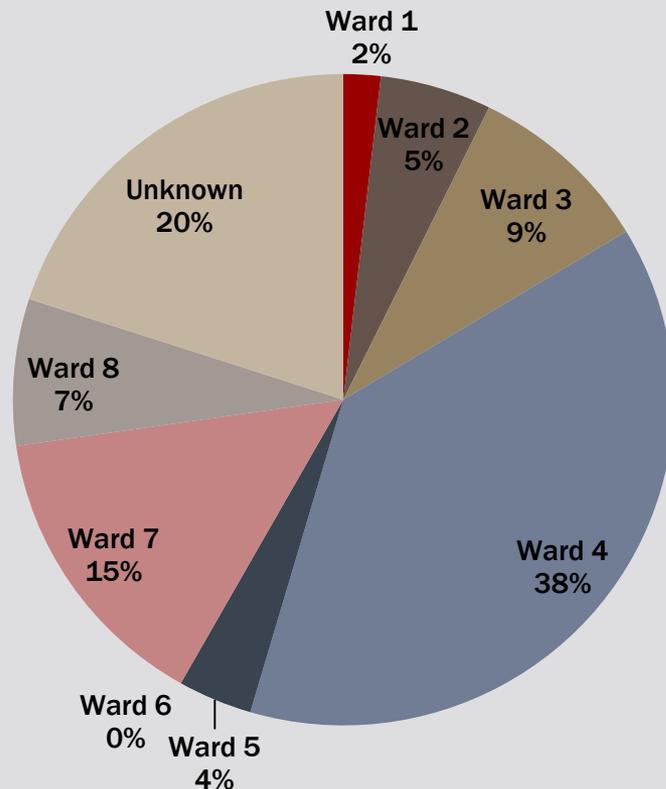
<b>4-Aug</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Provide guidance and feedback on the citywide meetings</li><li>- Meet the search firm and engage in a group interview with the firm.</li></ul>
<b>30-Aug</b>	<b>Community Forum</b>	6:30-8PM, Roosevelt HS, 6:30 - 8PM
<b>7-Sep</b>	<b>Community Forum</b>	6:30-8PM, Eastern HS, 6:30 - 8PM
<b>14-Sep</b>	<b>Community Forum</b>	6:30-8PM, Savoy ES, 6:30 - 8PM
<b>20-Sep</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review the community feedback gathered</li><li>- Discuss factors most important in the selection process</li></ul>
<b>28-Sep</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	Develop recommendations to the Mayor
<b>17-Oct</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	Finalize recommendations
<b>21-Oct</b>	<b>Committee Submission</b>	Co-chairs send Mayor final Committee recommendations

# STUDENT FOCUS GROUPS

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- Roosevelt High School:  
20 participants
- Woodrow Wilson High School:  
18 participants
- School Without Walls High School:  
17 participants
- H.D. Woodson High School:  
11 participants
- 55 out of 66 participants  
completed a worksheet

**Student Ward of Residence**



# STUDENT FEEDBACK: PRIORITY AREAS

- Increase opportunities for all students (afterschool activities, college funding, technology, equitable resource distribution)
- Increase student satisfaction and input into DCPS decisions and budgeting
- Communicate clearly and improve operations
  - Improve scheduling
  - Improve school lunches
- Increase college enrollment
- Reduce achievement gap

# STUDENT FEEDBACK: PRIORITY AREAS

## ■ Budgeting

- Increase technology resources (laptops, desktops, Wi-Fi, etc)
- Provide vouchers for school uniforms
- Improvement on facility maintenance
- Equity not equality in distribution of resources

## ■ Improvement of School Culture

- Increase in-seat attendance rate
- Increase security guards after school
- Employ passionate and qualified teachers
- Offer more interesting classes that are student driven
- Focus more on learning than testing and metrics

# STUDENT FEEDBACK: QUALITIES, SKILLS, EXPERIENCE

- Seeks and values student input
- DC Resident and/or someone with experience in public schools
- Communication and listening skills; seeks feedback from the community
- Understanding and flexible
- Visible in schools
- Strategic decision-making
- Teaching experience
- Knowledgeable of the DC culture

# STUDENT FEEDBACK: DCPS DIRECTION

## ■ Successes:

- School modernizations
- Overall sentiment that things were on a good path
- Study Abroad

## ■ Changes and Adjustments

- Racial segregation - reduce self-segregation
- Unequal funding for school improvements
- Create more positive and healthy spaces for kids and young adults
- Increase teacher training - teachers play a big role in if students want to come to school or not
- Labeling of schools
- Focus on a “Right Now Plan”

# COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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- By the end of today, we want to finalize our recommendations
- Co-Chairs will email final memo to the Mayor on **10/21**
  - Committee members will be copied on the email transmittal
- Memo will be shared publicly on **10/24**

# FEEDBACK ON MEMO DRAFT

- Please submit copy edits to Pat McGuire and Claudia Lujan by COB 10/18
- Are there any proposed edits or changes to the recommendations?

# LOOKING AHEAD & NEXT STEPS

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- Email transmittal of final recommendations to the Mayor
- Public posting and outreach to share the recommendations memo
  - Post on website
  - Email blast
  - Mayor and DCPS newsletter
- Once the Mayor makes her selection, her nomination will be submitted to the Council for their review and approval