

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



### Resolution Regarding Fund Allocation to DCPS Schools for School Year 2023-2024

Our Advisory Neighborhood Commission includes areas that are in-boundary for five DCPS elementary schools—Eaton, Hearst, Janney, Mann and Stoddert—and two DCPS middle schools—Deal and Hardy.

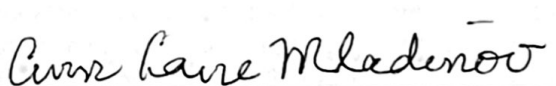
The recent posted list of proposed funding allocations for DCPS schools in FY2024 (School Year 2023-2024) shows all five of those elementary schools as well as Deal (which is the in-boundary middle school for half of our residents) would experience 5.26% reductions compared to this year's funding. That level of cuts would mean even sharper reductions in teaching staff and program funds –potentially a 15 to 18% cut – because of the proposed increases in salaries for teachers and principals.

The DCPS post shows these schools as having minimal if any reductions in enrollment next year. Several have been increasing enrollment this year, as we have been seeing steady returns of more students since COVID-19 at many local DCPS schools.

It is essential to maintain the level of support for DCPS schools to maintain the quality of education and continue to sustain enrollment and support from families. That is why we were encouraged by passage of the “Schools First in Budgeting” law last year designed to “hold harmless” our public schools in the proposed budget. We believe it is vital to meet the requirements of that law in the coming year when reductions in school funding would jeopardize the recovery from COVID-19 and the ability to meet the urgent needs of DCPS students for a strong educational experience in these critical years of their development.

We urge the Council, the Mayor, and DCPS to review the budget allocation figures and work together to reverse these damaging cuts and maintain funding levels for DCPS schools in the coming year, including the schools so important to our area.

  
Chair

  
Secretary

This resolution was approved by the Commission by a vote of 5-0 at a duly-noticed public meeting on February 21, 2023 at which a quorum was participating. (Three of the five Commissioners constitute a quorum.) By this vote, the Commission also authorized the Chair or his designee to represent the Commission on this matter.