

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

April 25, 2019

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RE: Proposed Funding for the Build Out of Ross Elementary School's Attic Space at 1730 R Street NW

Dear Chairman Mendelson, Councilmember Grosso, and Councilmember White:

At its regular meeting on April 10, 2019, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, Ross Elementary School is a DC public school in the Dupont Circle neighborhood and is an important community asset within the boundaries of ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, enrollment at Ross Elementary School has grown steadily in recent years and is currently at 108% of the building capacity,

WHEREAS, the DC Public Education Master Facilities Plan projects continued growth in boundary enrollment demand for Ross Elementary School,

WHEREAS, the school principal and staff are currently using every space available in the building, including teaching in the hallways and using the staff lounge as a STEM lab at times,

WHEREAS, the school building is small, having no gym, arts space, or multi-function room,

WHEREAS, limited outdoor space means that putting temporary classrooms in the playground is not an option, and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Plan included as part of the Mayor's budget for FY 2020 includes an allocation for the build out of the Ross Elementary School attic commencing in 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the DC Council support the Mayor's funding for the Ross Elementary School attic build out project as included in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Commissioners Lucky Barbieri (<u>2B03@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Daniel Warwick (<u>2B02@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Warwick

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