# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
## Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

September 20, 2009

Chancellor Michelle Rhee
District of Columbia Public Schools
825 N. Capitol St., NE
Washington, DC 20002

Re:  Resolution commending the faculty, staff, and students of Ross Elementary School for extraordinary progress in their annual test results.
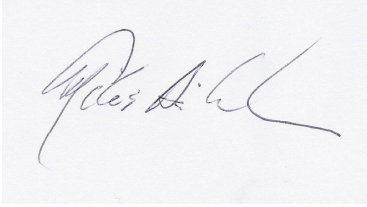
Dear Chancellor Rhee:

At its regular meeting on September 9, 2009, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With nine of the nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a unanimous vote (9-0):

*ANC 2B is overjoyed to congratulate Principal Amanda Alexander, the teaching and library staff, volunteers, tutors, parents, and students of John Ross Elementary School for the marvelous improvement in the students' proficiency in reading and math. Test scores for reading averaged 77.05 % proficient; for math, 70.49 %; and both are expected to exceed 80% next year.  Given the extraordinary diversity among the students, these improvements demonstrated that there are no inherent ethnic, economic, or class barriers to children doing well in school in DC.  These test scores demonstrated that a student's desire to learn, coupled with effective teaching and a supportive school environment, will lead to academic success in an urban DC school.  To underscore this point, the economically disadvantaged, which account for half the student body, exceeded the average school reading proficiency score by nearly two percentage points.  We are indeed proud of the achievements of the Ross School students during 2009.*

Commissioner Bob Meehan is the Commission's representative on this matter and may be reached at bob.meehan@dupontcircleanc.net or at 202-234-5151 for further information.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Mike Silverstein
Chairman

cc: Amanda Alexander