



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

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RE: Effects of the Mayor's Proposed FY 2024 Budget on Neighborhood School Budgets

Dear Chancellor Ferebee and Chairman Mendelson,

At its regular meeting on April 11, 2023, 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 (8-0-1):

WHEREAS, DC Public Schools (DCPS) is proposing a cut of approximately \$146,000 to the budget for Ross Elementary School, \$195,000 to the budget for Thomson Elementary School, \$187,000 to the budget for Marie Reed Elementary School, and \$48,000 to the budget for the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens, all of which have part or all of their boundary in ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, Ross will be forced to eliminate world language (Spanish), cut art to part time, reduce the number of aides, and eliminate its STEM coordinator,

WHEREAS, Thomson has eliminated one classroom teacher and there have been personnel cuts at Marie Reed and Francis-Stevens as well,

WHEREAS, Ross faces likely class sizes of over 30 students in one classroom in grades 1 and 3 next year, which require multiple adults to ensure a good education for all students,

WHEREAS, all of the schools are ensuring that they devote resources to their special education, English Language Learner, and at-risk students,

WHEREAS, all of these schools do critical work to educate children of ANC 2B and elsewhere in the District, but need to retain their education professionals who do this critical work,

WHEREAS, many other schools in all wards of DC are facing budget cuts of up to 5%, which will interfere with their ability to serve their student populations,

WHEREAS, the DC Council passed the Schools First in Budgeting Amendment Act to limit budget cuts and stabilize school budgets, which is now law, but DCPS has not followed it, and

WHEREAS, DCPS's new budget model makes further cuts likely for many schools in FY 2025 as well if the Schools First in Budgeting Amendment Act is not followed or the DC Council does not change the budget.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B asks DCPS and the DC Council to restore funding to all schools in ANC 2B and across the District who faced budget cuts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B asks DCPS and the DC Council to ensure that schools are funded to maintain their current staffing levels, including to keep pace with rising costs, in future years.

Commissioner Meg Roggensack ([2B01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B01@anc.dc.gov)) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meg Roggensack", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Meg Roggensack  
Chair