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When PAVE Parent Leaders See Something....

- **Parents must be valued partners** with our education system and our policymakers.
- Parents want to **know and understand all of the information** about how DC's Schools are doing.
- Every ward and community needs a **diversity of high-quality schools**.

...PAVE Parent Leaders SAY and DO Something!

- PAVE Parent Leaders **attended forums and events** to share what they wanted to see in the next DCPS Chancellor and in the vision for Education in DC. Most important to parents: **leaders who engage with families and listen to parent and community voice**.
- PAVE Parent Leaders helped bring together **diverse voices from the community** about the 2018 **DC Public Education Master Facilities Plan**. More than 80 parents, educators, and community members attended PAVE's focus groups and through **Parent Leader canvassing**, over 500 surveys were collected from across the District.
- To make the state report card a tool that all families can use, PAVE hosted **focus groups** in every ward and collected over **500 surveys** for **OSSE** to get parent and community feedback on language and design.
- PAVE staff and Ward 7 parent leader, Yolanda Corbett, participated in the State Board of Education's (SBOE) **ESSA Task Force** to put **parent voice front and center in the DC School Report Card** and the implementation of DC's ESSA plan.
- Recognizing DC's geographic segregation of selective high schools, a PAVE Ward 8 PLE Board member **visited Bard Early College** with **Councilmember Trayon White** in Baltimore. At Bard, each student graduates with an associate degree, significantly reducing the cost of college and easing the burden for students.
- Starting in the fall of 2016, a group of eight Ward 8 and military parents worked together to form the **Ward 8 Parent Operator Selection Team (POST)**. They created a **model for school selection that happens by and with families in the community** and selected LEARN, a high-performing charter school from Chicago.





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Because of PAVE Parent Leaders....

- DC's first citywide School Report Card was released in December 2018, **reflecting much of the feedback from families**, such as including more information about teacher experience and before and after school care, as well as parents' suggestions about word choice and design.
- Hearing the call from parents, the **mayor announced a partnership with Bard High School Early College** in October of 2018. Bard is scheduled to open in Ward 7 in Fall 2019 and will be the only selective high school East of the Anacostia River.
- After the **Ward 8 POST** selected LEARN, the **DC Public Charter School Board unanimously approved LEARN's application** which is set to open in Fall 2021, bringing another high-quality school option East of the River.

What's Next?

- Parents can share more **feedback on the Master Facilities Plan** at the next public hearing on **Wednesday, June 5th**. Sign up to testify: bit.do/educationhearings
- OSSE has committed to **using parent and community feedback to improve the DC School Report Card** and will include more information on special education programming and teacher retention. PAVE will be hosting sessions to help parents understand how to use the report card.
- Every ward and community still needs a **diversity of high-quality schools** that meet the unique needs of all of our children. In 2019-20, PAVE parents will continue to advocate for the **school options and specialized programs** that allow all of our children to learn and grow.

Join us in making change in DC Schools!

- Check out this **PAVE Post** to learn more about the **DC School Report Card** and the parent-driven development process: bit.ly/2wrY4qV
- Learn more about how parents PAVE-ed the way during the **Ward 8 POST project**: bit.ly/2VSoSdZ
- **Reach out to PAVE's organizing team** at organizers@dcpave.org to **join 2000+ DC parent leaders** and share your voice!