



VALUE #1

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- We need a community-driven process for selecting city leadership and making policy decisions.
- Many DC students face unsafe conditions while traveling to and from school.
- Parents don't have access to accessible, accurate and comparable information about DC schools in order to make educational decisions for their child.
- DC needs a diversity of high-quality public schools in all wards and communities.

ISSUES

ACTIONS

- PAVE parents amplified their voices by attending DCPS' Chancellor Search Engagement Forums to ensure that the new Chancellor is committed to keeping parent voice at the center of policy decisions.
- PAVE parents met with our city's new policymakers, DCPS' Chancellor Ferebee, and DC's Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) Paul Kihn, to ensure that parent priorities informed their strategic plans.
- PAVE worked with the DME's Office to collect input from over 80 parents, teachers, community members, and school staff to understand what they want to see prioritized in the 2018 DC Public Education Master Facilities Plan.
- PAVE hosted focus groups in every ward and collected over 500 surveys to get parent and community feedback on the language and design of the DC School Report Card to make sure it was a useful and accessible tool for families.
- PAVE parents and PAVE staff participated in the State Board of Education's ESSA Task Force to ensure that parent and community priorities drove the development and improvement of the DC School Report Card and other aspects of ESSA implementation.
- Parents met with policymakers to advocate for Bard Early College High School to come to DC, in response to the need for a selective high school East of the River.
- PAVE parents and the Ward 8 Parent Operator Selection Team amplified their voices to tell policymakers what types of educational opportunities their community needed, and petitioned for LEARN PCS to open in Ward 8.



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OUTCOMES

- DC's first report card was just released in December 2018 and much of the information that parents said were priorities, such as teacher experience and before and after school care, are included in the DC School Report Card.
- In October 2018, the mayor announced a partnership with Bard, which will now open East of the River in SY 2019-2020. and LEARN PCS will be opening in Ward 8 in SY 2021-22.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- The hearing for the Master Facilities Plan will take place on Wednesday, June 5th.
- Parents still need more in-depth, easily comparable information about every public school in our city. OSSE has committed to using parent and community feedback to refine the DC School Report Card and include critical details such as, special education programming and teacher retention information.
- Policymakers must do more ensure that accessible high-quality schools are in every ward, for every child.

LEARN MORE

Check out this **PAVE Post** to learn more about our work with the **DC School Report Card**: <https://bit.ly/2wrY4qV>

Learn more about our work with **BARD Early College High School**: <https://bit.ly/2W39z72>

Reach out to **PAVE's organizing team** at organizers@dcpave.org to learn more!

