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All students need a safe, healthy, and welcoming school environment.

- One in five children in DC has experienced trauma or has a mental health disorder. Right now, we are not providing the appropriate mental health supports for students to navigate the challenges they face both inside and outside the classroom.
- Many DC students face unsafe conditions while traveling to and from school.

ISSUES

ACTION

- PAVE parents came together to write their own statements of beliefs on mental health supports 30 organizations from across the District signed on in support of PAVE's Mental Health Supports Statement of Beliefs!
- PAVE participated in the Family and Youth Subcommittee on the Coordinating Council of School Mental Health and the Safe Passage Working Group to ensure the conversation was centered in the needs of families and communities.
- PAVE parent leaders advocated for a total of \$54 million dollars for mental health supports by writing blogs, op-eds, and testifying at DC Council Hearings.



OUTCOMES

- DC Council has proposed a total of \$13.7 million for mental health supports in schools this year.
- The work of the DME's Safe Passage Working Group will be continued by the Office of the Student Advocate to ensure that parent and community voice inform solutions.

**Learn more about our
Mental Health Supports
Campaign at:**

dcpave.org/domorewith54

WHAT'S NEXT

- PCSB's new School Transparency policy requires schools to post board meeting information, at-risk funding plans, and their annual report on the school's website
- The hearing for Councilmember Grosso's "School Based Budgeting and Transparency Act" is on Wednesday, June 26th.