

Public Hearing on DCPS Technology Equity Act of 2021

Committee of the Whole

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To: Chairman Phil Mendelson, Committee of the Whole members

From: Janine Daughtery

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Good Afternoon members of the Committee of the Whole, my name is Janine Daughtery I am a Ward 8 parent leader with PAVE. Parents Amplifying Voices in Education. I am here today to testify on Bill 24-77, District of Columbia Public Schools Technology Equity Act of 2021.

I witnessed many families struggle with technology during the pandemic. This has caused many of our young scholars to miss two years of academic learning.

If we previously had a plan in place we could possibly avoid such issues. We want the children in our community to be eager to learn. We want the children in our community to have access to the most up to date technology.

Putting a comprehensive plan in place can help to increase the families not only in Ward 8 but throughout the District have the technological resources that they need.

In closing, I do support a one-to-one student and teacher device ratios for the entire school system and updated classroom technology in all schools.

I urge the council to approve this bill and help out children gain access to the resources they need to be successful. Thank you for the opportunity.

Janine Daughtery

Ward 8 PLE Board Member