



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: Linda Jones

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Greetings Members of the Council, my name is Linda Jones I am a Ward 8 parent leader with PAVE. Parents Amplifying Voices in Education. I am here today to offer my recommendations on Bill 24-77, District of Columbia Public Schools Technology Equity Act of 2021.

I am learning that an organized Ward 8, is a better Ward 8. In order to be organized we must have a plan, a comprehensive plan at that. Having a Comprehensive Technology Equity Plan would be a great step toward that. I have observed that communities that have greater access to technology, perform better.

I want the children in our community to be excited about learning. Having access to working devices and efficient internet access can create greater opportunities for that excitement to exist. I do think that the technology equity steering committee working with DC Public Schools to produce an updated technology plan every 3 years is a good idea and can keep the school community engaged with the most up to date technology.

Finally, I believe that maintaining a one-to-one student and teacher device ratios for the entire school system and updated classroom technology in all schools would help Ward 8 students be on par with other students throughout the city.

Therefore I do support the passing of this bill and look forward to the increasing educational resources for our children. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Linda Jones

Ward 8 PLE Board Member