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Committee of the Whole
Academic Achievement in the District of Columbia
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Good afternoon Chairman Mendelson, members of the Committee of the Whole, and DC Council staff.

My name is Sharnetta Boone-Ruffin. I am the mother of two girls, 1 at Eagle Academy Public Charter School Capitol Riverfront and the other at Dunbar Sr. High School. I am a product of DCPS, Ward 8 resident, 4th Grade Reading teacher in PGCPs, and the granddaughter of the late Lawrence E. Boone, who was a hard working dedicated Washingtonian, DCPS Principal that now has a school named after him due to his decades of hardwork in the community. I serve on the Citywide and Ward 8 PAVE PLE Board and am currently on the Eagle Academy Board of Trustees. I am ready to see my city live up to its promise of a great education for all families and a great place for all educators to work and stay in schools.

I believed Shaunah really benefited from the small class size setting, loving, nurturing environment at both the private christian school as well as at Eagle Academy PCS-Wheeler Rd. With the small setting she was able to retain and build on the foundation needed to be successful on her educational journey. If more students are able to benefit from smaller class sizes, more one on one and small group learning setting, this will allow what is being taught to be retained faster without overcrowding disruptions. When my daughter attended Eagle Academy at 3 years old, she was reading kindergarten books, tying her own shoes, knew all of her numbers and alphabets, and flew through the prek test. They had her in Kindergarten but never skipped her. She continued soaring with the small grouping and teachers giving their all. By the 3rd grade she was reading and her math were both on a 6th grade level, she won 2nd place and was the only ward 8 member in the DC Citywide STEM fair, and was apart of the n

Students who are high achievers at some middle and high schools are not being challenged. They are overlooked and at times ignored because they are high achievers. These students should not be ignored but pushed so they won't get bored and possibly become a behavior problem or chronic absentee. We need to continue pushing AP/Honors classes with correct.



Sincerely,
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Citywide and Ward 8 PAVE PLE Board Member