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RE: School Overcrowding in the Wilson High School Feeder Pattern

Dear Chancellor Ferebee, Deputy Mayor Kihn, Chairman Mendelson, and Councilmember Grosso,

On April 1, 2019 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by six commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

WHEREAS, the DC Public Schools (DCPS) published a report in February of 2019 after 18 months of meetings and analysis by the Wilson High School Feeder Pattern Community Working Group with representatives from all 15 schools in the feeder network. DCPS found that nearly all of the 15 schools in the Wilson High School feeder pattern are currently at or above capacity and that “The option that the group felt would most effectively and equitably address overcrowding long-term was additional capacity and square footage in the feeder pattern,”

WHEREAS, according to the Deputy Mayor for Education’s 2018 Master Facilities Report, “Enrollment in Wards 2 and 3 outstrips capacity today, and the gap will continue to grow over the next ten years in the absence of DCPS facility expansion,”

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WHEREAS, increased capacity in the Wilson feeder pattern should be coupled with improving and expanding enrollment at schools across the city, and

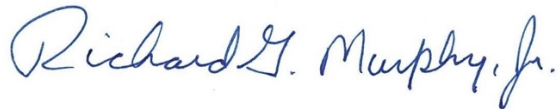
WHEREAS, Ward 2 and 3 communities and Advisory Neighborhood Commissions near former DCPS schools that are still owned by DCPS, such as the Old Hardy School and Shaw Middle School, have expressed great interest in keeping such facilities available to be neighborhood public schools and have the potential to help alleviate the overcapacity issues.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E requests that DCPS, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME), and the DC Council engage with the school communities affected to begin taking concrete steps to address the overcapacity issues in the feeder pattern.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2E requests that DCPS, DME, and the DC Council defer any actions on the disposition of Ward 2 and 3 DCPS facilities not currently in use by DCPS until decisions are made regarding how to address the overcapacity issues.

Commissioners Kishan Putta (2E01@anc.dc.gov) and Rick Murphy (2E03@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard G. Murphy, Jr." in a cursive script.

Rick Murphy
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