



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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RE: Hardy Middle School's Request for Needed Repairs and Renovations

Dear Mayor Bowser, Councilmember Pinto, and Chancellor Ferebee,

On January 31, 2022 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:

Hardy Middle School was built in 1929 at 1819 35th Street NW and is almost 100 years old. It was last renovated fourteen years ago in 2008. Four years ago, the Deputy Mayor for Education projected that, during the 2022-2023 school year, Hardy would enroll 471 students, and, during the 2027-2028 school year, it would enroll 566 students. Yet, already in this year, the 2021-2022 school year, Hardy is up to 541 students, almost at the 2027-2028 projected enrollment. Hardy is growing fast – over 60% in the last five years – and if that keeps up, it will approach 1,000 students over the next five years.

Hardy's cafeteria is already too small according to the Hardy Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), and it needs to be expanded as soon as possible. In addition, the PTO reports that the small, old, non-regulation turf field at Hardy is outdated and in terrible shape; it is very hard and has poor traction. The PTO has reported several injuries due to the poor field condition. ANC 2E notes that the decision of how to

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use the newly acquired school facility on MacArthur Boulevard NW has still not been made, more than six months after extensive community meetings were held and formal recommendations were made. However, regardless of that decision, the Hardy school building will nevertheless require renovations that will involve a long multi-year process of funding, planning, and renovation.

Therefore, ANC 2E supports the Hardy PTO's request for capital budget funds to renovate the Hardy building and asks Mayor Bowser and Councilmember Pinto to push for such funding in the coming budget process and not merely a feasibility study. The ANC also urges DC Public Schools to issue a decision on the MacArthur Boulevard NW site without delay.

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." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E