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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As this new school year gets underway, I want to keep you up to date on some coming changes designed to support our city's continued educational progress. After nearly a year-long, comprehensive public engagement process, the Advisory Committee on Student Assignment has made final recommendations for revising DCPS school boundaries and related student assignment policies for the first time in nearly half a century. After careful review, the Mayor has approved the recommended changes to DCPS school attendance zones. We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for our families. Accordingly, **no one will be impacted by these changes this school year (SY2014-15)**. The new boundaries and feeder patterns will begin to go into effect for next school year (SY2015-2016), with extensive phase-in policies. Regardless, no student will have to leave their current DCPS school based on these changes.

Attached is the final boundary and feeder pattern for the school your child attends, along with more information on boundary changes and attendance zones for all DCPS schools. You can find all the final boundary maps on the DCPS website (dcps.dc.gov) and the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education website (dme.dc.gov/boundaries).

The Advisory Committee also made a series of recommendations regarding student assignment policy more broadly. I am pleased that the Mayor has expressed his support for these policy recommendations, which I believe reflect the broad priorities expressed by the community. In the coming weeks, my team and I will be working with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education on an implementation plan that will lay out the timeline and process for implementing the policy recommendations made by the Advisory Committee. I recognize that these policy recommendations represent complex and dramatic changes for the District and I am committed to establishing an implementation plan that recognizes this complexity and ensures our continued progress.

In the meantime, I encourage you to read the Advisory Committee's recommendations at dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/boundaries. You will find policies related to:

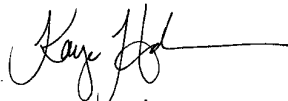
- *Guaranteeing PK seats for in-boundary families at Title 1 schools;*
- *Providing a preference in the lottery for students categorized as "at-risk";*
- *More equitable placement of specialized and selective programs and schools;*

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- *Establishing minimum numbers of out-of-boundary seats at all schools; and*
 - *Establishing a task force on collaboration across DCPS and charter schools.*

I want to thank the many parents, families, and community members who participated in this process. Parent and community input was integral to the final recommendations, and we will need your continued engagement as these changes take place. Your vision for a strong system of neighborhood-zoned schools resonated deeply with me, and I look forward to continuing our work to invest in and improve all of our schools.

If you have any questions about what these changes mean for you and your family, please call 202-478-5738 or email dme.studentassignment@dc.gov.

Sincerely,



Kaya Henderson
Chancellor