



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

June 5, 2024

Dear Members of the Advisory Committee on Student Assignment and Boundaries:

I want to thank you for your dedication and commitment while participating in the Advisory Committee over the past year. This is only the second time that such a comprehensive review has occurred in the last five decades and we greatly appreciate your close and careful review of the boundary and student assignment policies impacting our students. After many months, many meetings, and extensive community feedback, you developed a robust set of recommendations intended to ensure there are clear rights and optimal utilization at DCPS schools, and equitable rights to high-quality DCPS and public charter schools.

Therefore, I accept the Advisory Committee's recommendations. These recommendations will act as the city's roadmap for the next 10 years. Specifically:

- Implementation of the **newly recommended DCPS boundary and feeder changes** will start in School Year (SY) 2025-26. I have tasked DCPS with notifying families of these changes by August 2024 as well as having DCPS and OSSE update their enrollment information systems (including DCPS's [Find Your In-Boundary School](#) and My School DC's [School Finder](#)) to reflect these changes for SY 2025-26. I have also asked DCPS to identify clear phase-in policies for the new attendance zones and feeder patterns that will be included in the notifications provided this summer and communicated over the next year.
- The **other accepted recommendations that impact public school assignment and access** have an extended timeline and may require additional community engagement and further investigation by agencies. For those, I have asked DCPS alongside DME to develop an implementation plan to be posted on the DCPS and DME websites by August 2024.
- Lastly, because this is our second comprehensive boundary study, I have asked DCPS to review any Phase-in Policies from the first study conducted in 2014. Given the lack of clarity for affected families (particularly during and after the pandemic), any Phase-in Policies from 2014 will be addressed at a later time.

I am tremendously proud of our public school ecosystem that includes DCPS and public charter schools, neighborhood schools and citywide schools. We continue to make extraordinary progress. These recommendations are yet one more piece in our District's effort to ensure high-quality schools for all of our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser
Mayor