

## At Large Council Candidate

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<b>On a scale of 1 to 100: Do you agree with this statement? The primary public agency responsible for the socio-emotional problems of children and youth caused and exacerbated by the pandemic should be the DCPS public schools.</b>	90
<b>Teacher turnover in DC's public schools are among the highest in the nation, and the pandemic has made teaching even more challenging. What do you think can be done to address teacher turnover in DCPS?</b>	
DCPS should hire more social workers and mental health professionals to deal with the emotional instability of some students. That would allow teachers to teach and relieve them of socio-mental healthcare responsibilities that place an emotional toll on them and push them toward early burnout. The Impact teacher evaluation system should also be improved to make teacher evaluation less subjective. And we should reduce class size so that teachers will have fewer students in each classroom.	
<b>The pandemic has highlighted the need to provide equitable student access to technology as part of a 21st-century education. What will you do to ensure DCPS supports comprehensive technology planning and funding to support student learning?</b>	
We need to make sure every school and every student has computers. We need to make sure every school provides computer training for every student. We also need to make sure every neighborhood is Wi-Fi accessible.	
<b>DCPS school communities have concerns with the quality of building repair and maintenance including HVAC systems in older as well as newly modernized buildings. How can the Council address their concerns with DCPS facilities operations and maintenance?</b>	
The Council can create and fund a school facilities audit team with the authority to go into schools on short notice and conduct facility inspections and personnel interviews. The Council can also include in its oversight hearings, questioning of students, parents, teachers and administrators on operations and maintenance issues.	
<b>The financial outlook for the District has been impacted by the public health crisis, previous years of strong economic growth, and federal Rescue Plan funds. What do you think the three greatest fiscal challenges for D.C. public education will be over the next four years?</b>	
1) Reducing class size by hiring more teachers and teacher aides. 2) Increasing the number of social workers and mental health professionals. 3) Completing the renovation of outdated school buildings and facilities.	
<b>Check on the statement below that best describes your position:</b>	
<b>I think D.C. policies should prioritize the DCPS system of by-right neighborhood schools.</b>	x
<b>I think D.C. policies should prioritize parental choice.</b>	

<b>Explain:</b> We have to stop abandoning our traditional neighborhood schools and, in essence, leaving them to fend for themselves with oversized classes, outdated facilities and teachers who have to spend an inordinate amount of their time dealing with their students' food insecurity, emotional, home-trauma and mental health issues, instead of teaching academic subjects. Too often, parental choice is the cover for our unwillingness to tackle the hard issue of delivering a quality education to our students attending by-right neighborhood schools.	
<b>On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the strongest How strongly do you agree with this statement: The most effective system to ensure equitable quality for students and communities is a system of well-planned and supported DCPS feeder schools of right.</b>	1
<b>On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the strongest, how strongly do you agree with this statement: PK4 students should be able to enroll by-right into their neighborhood DCPS elementary schools.</b>	1
<b>Will you support convening a student assignment and boundary review process to be completed by 2023?</b>	Yes
<b>Comments, if any.</b>	
<b>Should DCPS have budget protections because of its responsibilities as the school system-of-right?</b>	Yes
<b>Comments</b>	
<b>The DC Council transferred responsibility for school security in DCPS schools from MPD back to DCPS; DCPS will control its security guard contract this year; and MPD School Resource Officers will be reduced. How should the Council determine whether students are more safe and secure?</b>	
The Council should hold frequent oversight hearings and bring in students, parents, teachers and administrators, at least quarterly, to testify on their observations with regard to school safety and security. The Council should also set up a confidential tip line for students and parents to call in issues regarding bullying, intimidation or abuse in schools.	
<b>Do you support any changes in the way the District of Columbia governs public education?</b>	Yes
<b>What governance reforms would you support for DCPS?</b>	
<b>A DCPS education policy board, appointed by the Mayor, confirmed by Council, with authority to hire and fire the chancellor.</b>	Would oppose
<b>An elected DCPS education policy board of education, independent of the Mayor.</b>	Would support
<b>Other ideas you would consider or support for DCPS:</b>	
I would make experience and proven commitment as a teacher or school administrator a prerequisite to service on the school board. People should not run for the school board as a stepping stone for higher office.	
<b>What governance reforms would you support for the State Board of Education and the Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE)?</b>	
<b>State Board of Education with authority to hire and fire the State Superintendent of Education.</b>	Would support
<b>State Board of Education with authority to initiate policy--not just approve it--in areas it already has jurisdiction over.</b>	Would support
<b>Other ideas you would consider or support for SBOE and/or OSSE:</b>	

<b>What governance changes would you consider or support for the D.C. Council?</b>	
<b>An Education Committee for the Council of the District of Columbia.</b>	Would support
<b>Council control over the level of charter enrollment and the number of charter schools.</b>	Would support
<b>Other changes you would consider or support D.C. Council governance of public education:</b>	
<b>What governance reforms would you support for the Public Charter School Board (PCSB)?</b>	
<b>An elected Public Charter School Board.</b>	Would support
<b>Public Charter School Board appointed by Ward Councilmembers and 3 at-large members appointed by the Mayor.</b>	Would consider
<b>Other reforms you would consider or support for PCSB:</b>	