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ANC3C Resolution 2021-004

**In Support of Immediate Modernization and Safety Improvements of the
Playground and Outdoor Learning Spaces at Oyster-Adams Bilingual School**

Whereas, Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School located at 2801 Calvert Street NW is an inclusive community of learners dedicated to academic excellence and creativity that develops responsible leaders who are bilingual and bi-literate in Spanish and English.

Whereas, Oyster-Adams Bilingual School is a National Blue-Ribbon School, recognized as an exemplary high performing school by the U.S. Department of Education.

Whereas, Mayra Cruz is the Principal at Oyster-Adams Bilingual School since 2014 and one of ten principals nationally to receive the 2020 Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership from the U.S. Department of Education.

Whereas, Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School served 371 students across grades PK-4 to Grade 3 during the 2019-2020 School Year at 107% utilization.

Whereas, Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School has a diverse student population, with more than sixty-seven percent of students self-identifying as Hispanic or of Latin American origin, African American Asian-American, or two or more races.

Whereas, the cultural diversity within Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School forges long-lasting friendships among students and families from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds, nationalities, and socio-economic levels.

Whereas the Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School playground was constructed and last updated in 2001.

Whereas, the 2018 Facility Condition Assessment of Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School rated playing fields, play structures, and playground surfaces as “poor” and “fair”, recommending replacements using Capital Funds in 2021. No playground component received a “good” rating.

Whereas the outdoor play structures at Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School require chronic repairs by the DC Department of General Services or closures due to the age and safety of the equipment.

Whereas, DC Public Schools (DCPS) Central Office staff have worked as a responsible and responsive partner to address emergency repairs and concerns related to the playground.

Whereas, two modular units were placed on the blacktop surface/basketball court at Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School to help ease overcrowding.

Whereas, Councilmember Mary Cheh toured the playground and outdoor spaces at Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School on February 11, 2021.

Whereas Councilmember Mary Cheh supports funding for the modernization of the playground and outdoor learning Spaces at Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School in the FY22 Budget

Whereas, DCPS announced \$9 million to support creative learning models, including outdoor learning, during the pandemic.

Whereas, Mayor Muriel Bowser will transmit her FY22 Budget to the District of Columbia Council on April 22, 2021.

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC3C strongly supports the immediate modernization and safety Improvements of the playground and outdoor learning spaces at Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School

Be it further resolved that ANC3C requests Mayor Muriel Bowser to tour the playground at Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School.

Be it further resolved that ANC 3C urges Mayor Muriel Bowser to include funding in the FY22 Budget for the immediate modernization of the playground and outdoor learning spaces at Oyster-Adams Bilingual Elementary School.

Be it further resolved that the Chair or the Commissioner for 3C02 or their designee represent ANC 3C on this matter.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beau Finley". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Beau Finley
Chair, on March 15, 2021

This resolution was approved by a voice vote on March 15, 2021 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.