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ANC3C Resolution 2023-CONSENT
Resolution Regarding District of Columbia Public Schools Funding and Proposed Budget Cuts to Eaton Elementary School

WHEREAS the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2024 school budgets for DC Public Schools (DCPS) shows that dozens of D.C. public schools are slated to lose funding next year under DCPS' proposed budget while DCPS overall has a proposed¹ 5.05% budget increase²;

WHEREAS parents, teachers, the teacher's union and members of the D.C. Council say cuts mean students and teachers lose resources amid a period of declining test scores³;

WHEREAS analysis by the DC Fiscal Policy Institute (DCFPI) shows that the schools seeing the largest impact of budget cuts are across Northeast and Southeast, particularly among D.C.'s Black and low-income communities⁴;

WHEREAS teachers and parents have testified that budget cuts could mean the loss of staff members, like library and English language staff, and the loss of programs aimed at helping at-risk students⁵;

WHEREAS the Washington Teachers' Union called on DCPS to use funds from its central office to avoid budget cuts, as well as increase budgets based on the union's new contracts⁶;

WHEREAS Eaton Elementary School, whose boundaries are within ANC 3C, has a proposed decrease in budget of \$280,395 from the previous fiscal year despite an increase in projected enrollment⁷;

WHEREAS as a result of these proposed cuts, Eaton Elementary School will receive one one less English Language teacher, on less Specialist - Math, and one less front desk aid, impacting all students⁸;

WHEREAS the proposed budget cuts to Eaton Elementary School and schools throughout Washington DC,

¹ <https://www.axios.com/local/washington-dc/2023/03/02/dcps-proposed-school-budget-cuts>

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<https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-announces-505-increase-uniform-student-funding-formula-adding-144-million-dc%E2%80%99s>

³ <https://www.axios.com/local/washington-dc/2023/03/02/dcps-proposed-school-budget-cuts>

⁴ <https://www.dcfpi.org/all/initial-school-budgets-show-dcps-needs-a-plan-to-ensure-equitable-funding-and-stability/>

⁵ <https://www.axios.com/local/washington-dc/2023/03/02/dcps-proposed-school-budget-cuts>

⁶ <https://www.axios.com/local/washington-dc/2023/03/02/dcps-proposed-school-budget-cuts>

⁷ <https://dcpsbudget.com/datasets/eaton-es-initial-2024/>

⁸ <https://dcpsbudget.com/datasets/eaton-es-submitted-20>

especially those in D.C.'s Black and low-income communities, will end up impacting students most at risk and most in need of support;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC3C asks the Mayor and Council to take immediate action to fund all DCPS schools to their funding levels of the current fiscal year:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ANC calls on DCPS to use funds from its central office to avoid budget cuts, as well as increase budgets based on the Washington Teacher Union's new contracts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ANC calls on DCPS to fully fund Eaton Elementary School, and not decrease any teaching or staff positions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ANC calls on DCPS to fully fund Eaton Elementary School and increase the number of social workers from the number in the current fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ANC authorizes the Chair and the Commissioner for 3C05 to represent the Commission on this matter.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janell Pagats', written in a cursive style.

Janell Pagats
Chair, on April 19, 2023

This resolution was approved by voice vote on April 19, 2023, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 8 commissioners) was present.