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ANC3C Resolution 2023-CONSENT
Resolution Urging Principal Eskay Be Relinquished From His Responsibilities At John Eaton Elementary School And That DCPS Name A Replacement Immediately

WHEREAS Eaton Elementary School part of District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) has boundaries within ANC3C;

WHEREAS Steven Eskay is the current Principal of Eaton Elementary School, starting his tenure in August, 2022¹;

WHEREAS on June 14th, 100% of Eaton teachers signed a letter of no confidence in Mr. Eskay, with accusations of verbal abuse, violations of hiring and budget protocols, as well as claims of racial discrimination, gender discrimination, misogyny, intimidation and bullying²;

WHEREAS the John Eaton Home & School Association (HSA) and The Local School Advisory Team (LSAT) Boards have described these allegations as “credible on their face given their quantity, consistency, and level of detail”;

WHEREAS on June 28, DCPS Chancellor Lewis D. Ferebee stated in an email that “DC Public Schools leadership initiated an investigation in its [the letter cited above] claims”;

WHEREAS the HSA has stated in an email to Chancellor Ferebee on June 27th that “regardless of the outcome of that investigation, we have lost confidence in his ability to lead our community, which has long prided itself on being a safe, supportive, and caring environment for all students to learn and grow”;

WHEREAS the HSA stated in an email that “the Eaton community does not want to endure another extended period of leadership uncertainty”.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC3C urges DCPS to investigate the allegations against Principal Eskay swiftly and thoroughly; in order to ensure a full and fair investigation, that Principal Eskay be relinquished from his responsibilities at John Eaton Elementary School pending the outcome of the investigation; and that DCPS name a replacement immediately;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that John Eaton Elementary School should have leadership who treats teachers, staff, parents and students with respect;

¹ <https://dcps.dc.gov/biography/steven-eskay%C2%A0>

² <https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2023/06/28/eaton-elementary-eskay-teacher-petition/>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C supports the teachers, staff, parents, and students of Eaton Elementary and urges DCPS to act expeditiously on their concerns;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ANC authorizes the Chair and the Commissioners for 3C05 and 3C08 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 July 17, 2023

This resolution was approved by voice vote on July 17, 2023, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 8 commissioners) was present.