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ANC 3/4G Resolution on the Budget at Murch Elementary School
April 24, 2023

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

- 1) WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) were created to “advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency with respect to all proposed matters of District government policy,” including education;
- 2) WHEREAS, the purpose of the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) is “to ensure that every student attends a great school, and that every school meets high standards in all areas that affect student achievement”
- 3) WHEREAS, ANC 3/4G recognize that the success of all DCPS neighborhood schools are critical to the future of our neighborhoods and that all schools should have access to the funding they need to thrive.
- 4) WHEREAS, Benjamin W. Murch Elementary School's enrollment has increased by 48 students since the start of the school year (from 622 to 670).
- 5) WHEREAS, An additional 48 students is the equivalent of more than two whole classes, an unexpected enrollment growth this year.
- 6) WHEREAS, The Washington Teachers Union contract states that “maximum class size shall not exceed 20 for Kindergarten through Grade 2.”

7) WHEREAS, Murch Grade Two classrooms in 2023-24 will include more than 28 students, and Grade One will have more than 25, not including students who will arrive after the beginning of the school year.

8) WHEREAS, Murch is a diverse and growing school including English Language Learners, historically underserved students, students with COVID learning loss, and others requiring additional supports.

9) WHEREAS, to address overcrowding and support all Murch students, the school is requesting funding to provide early learners additional educators to support their needs.

RESOLVED

10) ANC 3/4G urges the Council to allocate an additional \$230,324 for the 2023-24 school year to support Murch Elementary School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission designates the Commissioner Zachary Ferguson, ANC 3/4G-07, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

APPROVED at a regular public meeting, notice of which was properly given and at which a quorum of four (4) or seven (7) members was present on April 24, 2023, by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.



Lisa R. Gore, Chair



James L. Nash, Secretary