

C4DC Newsletter

Coalition for DC Public Schools and Communities (C4DC) is a coalition of groups and organizations that share values and priorities essential to excellent and equitable District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS).

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Announcements and Opportunities:

- **Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is open.** The first District wide benchmark for DCPS schools will be to be at 60% by May 3rd. Families can re-enroll by completing enrollment packet, providing proof of DC residency and then submitting these both to your school. This can be done online or in person. The DCPS enrollment team email is enroll@k12.dc.gov
- **OSSE is proceeding with input sessions on the STAR Report Card.** It is not clear how the SBOE recommendations that we all contributed to will be used. They have open sessions on April 13th from 5:30 to 6:30 Click [here](#) to join the Teams meeting. Thursday, April 21st 10:30 to 11:30am Click [here](#) and Wednesday, April 27th 5:30 to 6:30pm Join [here](#) If your group would prefer to invite OSSE to an existing meeting, reach out to Ben Beisch (ben.peisch@dc.gov) with the date or

dates and they will try to accommodate. [Here](#) is the resolution passed by the SBOE this year recommending a dashboard instead of the STAR rating.

- **Public input for draft bill on DCPS uses of seclusion and restraint.**
<https://publicinput.com/restraintandseclusion22>
- **DGS HVAC dashboard for DCPS schools** that includes total open HVAC Work orders by school, estimated completion dates and brief descriptions. It posts the most recent HVAC service date by school. DGS plans to update every two weeks. Last updated on February 18
[.https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dileep.rajan/viz/DRAFTDGS HVAC DASHBOARD/WorkOrdersCompletionDates](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dileep.rajan/viz/DRAFTDGS HVAC DASHBOARD/WorkOrdersCompletionDates)
- **School Parking Zones:** Schools hoping to be prepared to apply for SPZ permits can prepare by developing a School Sustainable Transportation Plan:
<https://godcgo.com/school>
- **Applications for DCTAG** for college (Tuition Assistance Grants) open on February 1. Learn more at <https://osse.dc.gov/prepare>
- **DCFPI Blog**
- **Globalize DC:** <https://www.globalizedc.org/opportunities/overview/> Japan In DC Program see [here](#). June 22nd to August 6th - Apply by April 15

Upcoming SBOE and Council Hearings:

- **C4DC website blog** has member testimony on recent Council hearing on the Budget bills. You can review them [here](#).
- All testimonies from the **March 2, 2022 Education Oversight hearing** can be accessed [here](#).
- **SBOE** . Sign up [here](#) to testify at SBOE meetings. Working meetings are the first Wednesday - available to watch. SBOE meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday.
- **Committee of the Whole Hearings and Roundtables.** Hearing Notices, Witness Lists, and Submitted Testimony for hearings can be viewed [here](#). Check the hearing notices for additional information about providing testimony.
- **Voting in DC** The Primary Election in the District of Columbia will take place on June 21, 2022. Primaries in DC are closed primaries, to vote you must be registered as a member

of the Democratic, Republican, Statehood Green or Libertarian parties. Go to this website to get information and check your registration <https://dcboe.org/PrimaryElection2022>

News

- **Standing Meetings: Ward Councils and C4DC Members**

Information and Meetings- click to get to websites

- **Ward 2 Education Council:** Email: Ward2EdCouncil@gmail.com Website: www.Ward2EdCouncil.org Meetings:
- **Ward 3 – Wilson Feeder Education Network** Email: w3ednet@gmail.com, Meetings: Monthly on second Monday of the month.
- **Ward 4 Education Alliance** Email: Ward4edalliance@gmail.com:: Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month
- **Ward 5 Education Equity Committee** Email: contact@ward5eec.org Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month (September to June), email for Zoom link.
- **Ward 6 Public Schools Parent Organization (W6PSPO)** Email: m.godec@att.net or chpspo@gmail.com Meetings: Third Tuesday of every month
- **Ward 7 Education Council** Email: ward7ed@yahoo.com Meetings: First Thursday of each month at 6:30, email for zoom link. Please plan to join us on Thursday, January 6th at 6:30pm for our next virtual general body meeting. As we reflect on the last year and look forward to the upcoming year,
- **Ward 8 Education Council** Email: ward8educationcouncil@gmail.com
- **Senior High Alliance of Parents, Principals and Educators (SHAPPE):** Email: dc.shappe@gmail.com Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month on zoom
- **Public School Partnership Program – The Washington Lawyers' Committee**
- **Media Partners:** [We Act Radio/Education Townhall](http://WeActRadio.com) and <https://educationdc.net/https://tio>

“The Catchup”: Useful DC Education Videos and Links

- **EmpowerEd has started a new initiative to reduce very long education meetings, hearings, etc... down to 10 minute highlight reels** to make them more accessible to the public. All of them will be accessible via this [YouTube playlist here](#) and also posted on twitter, facebook etc...
- **DC Fiscal Policy Institute:** https://www.dcfpi.org/issue-areas/early-child-pre-k-12-education/?_sft_issue=featured

- **Educationdc.net:** Jon Hale has written a book **The Choice We Face**: How Segregation, Race and Power have shaped Education's Most Controversial Reform Movement. This edition of Educationdc.net includes a tape of a discussion between Jon Hale and Peter McPherson after a brief description.

<https://educationdc.net/2021/10/17/in-conversation-jon-hale-talks-school-choice-its-baleful-effects-with-peter-macpherson/>