To the children of DC, we promise that our top priority is ensuring that you have the opportunity to attend a great school — one that you love and that prepares you for success in life.

To DCPS teachers and staff, we promise to respect you as professionals and invest in your success by providing you and your students with the environment, resources, and tools you need.

To DCPS school leaders, we promise to respect you as professionals; give you the support to lead; and provide the environment, resources, and tools that you, your staff, and your students need to succeed.

To parents, we promise to partner with you to ensure your children’s success.

To members of the DC community, we promise to provide opportunities for you to contribute to the success of our schools and school district.

To potential employers, we promise to provide you with a steady supply of well-educated young adults who will make positive contributions to the success of your organizations.

To the city (and state) of Washington, DC, we promise to make our school system one that all citizens are proud of — a school system that can be the anchor for thriving, productive, and growing communities.

OUR STAKEHOLDER COMMITMENTS
DCPS will increase its enrollment by 2016–17.*

**OUR GOALS** are ambitious. Based on the hopes and dreams of DCPS stakeholders, these goals help us align our resources and measure our success.

1. **IMPROVE ACHIEVEMENT RATES**
   - At least 70% of our students will be proficient in reading and math by 2016–17.
   - By 2016–17, we will double the number of advanced students to more than 3,800 in reading and more than 4,700 in math.

2. **INVEST IN STRUGGLING SCHOOLS**
   - Our 40 lowest-performing schools will increase proficiency rates by 40 percentage points by 2016–17.*
   - By 2016–17, 90% of students will say they like their school.

3. **INCREASE GRADUATION RATE**
   - By 2016–17, at least 75% of entering 9th graders will graduate from high school in four years.
   - 53% to 56% increase.

4. **IMPROVE SATISFACTION**
   - By 2016–17, 90% of students will say they like their school.

5. **INCREASE ENROLLMENT**
   - DCPS will increase its enrollment by 2016–17.*

**WHERE WE’RE GOING**

DCPS is on the right track. In School Year 2013–14, we will build on this success and will target resources where they are needed most. We have aligned our work to the rigorous Common Core State Standards, the national set of learning standards that will prepare our students for college and careers. Building on our investments in human capital, we are ensuring that teachers and families are equipped to help students meet these standards. We have set the bar high and are focusing on two urgent priorities in School Year 2013–14: ensuring that students read proficiently and that they graduate from high school on time. We are making unprecedented investments in literacy instruction and the new 9th grade academies by focusing on teacher training, academic programs, and rigorous materials that establish the foundation for success across all subjects and in life.

DCPS is committed to providing students with an engaging educational experience and is proud to partner with families in this effort. We are DCPS and we can do this.