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MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

JAN 24 2019

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Suite 410
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Pursuant to the Planning Actively for Comprehensive Education Facilities Amendment Act of 2016 (PACE) (D.C. Law 21-219), I present to the Council of the District of Columbia the “Master Facilities Plan Approval Resolution of 2019.” The *DC Public Education Master Facilities Plan 2018* has also been submitted to Council.

The 2018 Master Facilities Plan (MFP) provides detailed information about the state of Washington, DC’s current school facilities and specialized programs, forecasts future enrollment growth, analyzes the gap between enrollment and facility capacity now and in the future, and makes recommendations for efficient and equitable delivery of high-quality public school facilities over the next ten years. The information provided in this study is a significant milestone to allow District officials and school leaders to make informed decisions when they work with the community to determine which recommendations should be implemented.

This MFP, unlike previous iterations, includes data and analysis of facilities from all types of public schools, representing both DCPS and public charter schools. The MFP contains analyses of a wide range of information including facility locations, facility conditions, programmatic capacities, facility utilization, and gross square footage. The MFP also includes specialized program offerings; enrollment patterns; transportation accessibility; population forecasts; and enrollment projections.

Three overarching objectives have guided the MFP process:

1. Provide critical analysis and future estimations to address the needs of the District's public education facilities, with general options that are both District-wide and respond to

the unique nature of the DCPS and public charter school sectors.

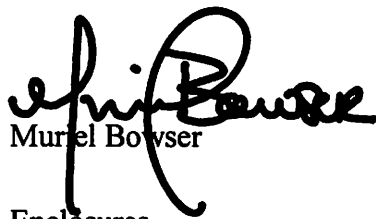
2. Outline key opportunities and challenges in current educational facilities planning processes in the District, and include recommendations for future educational facilities planning processes.
3. Develop a report, data visualizations, and publicly-available data sets for LEAs, District agencies, residents, and other education stakeholders to use in their work to improve public education in the District.

The MFP also incorporates feedback from parents, community residents, and school leaders on the MFP priorities, preliminary analysis, and recommendations. Over 600 people collectively participated in the public outreach process that consisted of a series of public workshops and in-person surveys conducted in April, August, and October of 2018.

The study concludes with a suite of options that the District may employ to assist with meeting public school students' education facility needs. The MFP's recommended options respond collectively to the analysis of the facility conditions and modernizations, transportation, specialized programs, enrollment growth, and facility utilization now and in the future, as well as the insights formulated from the community and stakeholder engagement processes.


The MFP recommends that the DME work with District agencies and school leaders, along with substantial community input, to scope out each recommended option, document the resources required, and the set an implementation planning time horizon. This MFP study is the critical first step in laying the groundwork for a more robust, cross-sector facility planning process.

Sincerely,

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Muriel Bowser

Enclosures


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To approve the comprehensive multiyear Master Facilities Plan for public education.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Master Facilities Plan Approval Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. Pursuant to Section 1104(a) of the School Based Budgeting and Accountability Act of 1998, effective March 26, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-175; D.C. Official Code §38-2803(a)), the DC Schools Master Facilities Plan 2018 as submitted by the Mayor to the Council of the District of Columbia is approved.

Sec. 3. The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

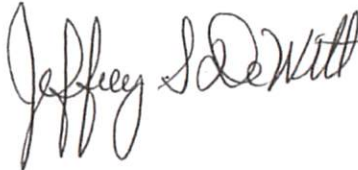
Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



Jeffrey S. DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: January 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Master Facilities Plan Approval Resolution of 2019

REFERENCE: Draft resolution as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on January 9, 2019

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the resolution.

Background

District law¹ requires the Office of the Deputy Mayor of Education to prepare a ten-year master facilities plan to anticipate and enable the development of adequate public school facilities. The approval of the resolution signifies Council approval of the DC Schools Master Facilities Plan of 2018.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the resolution. The plan is not a spending document, but an overview of public school facilities, enrollment growth, transportation access, and options for use of space in the future. Council does not require additional resources to review and approve the DC Schools Master Facilities Plan of 2018.

¹ School Based Budgeting and Accountability Act of 1998, effective March 26, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-175; D.C. Official Code §38-2803(a)).

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

ATTORNEY GENERAL
KARL A. RACINE



Legal Counsel Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Alana Intreiri
Executive Director
Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

FROM: Janet M. Robins
Deputy Attorney General
Legal Counsel Division

DATE: January 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Master Facilities Plan Approval Resolution of 2019
(AE-18-591B)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the Resolution entitled the “Master Facilities Plan Approval Resolution of 2019” (Resolution) and determined that the Resolution is legally unobjectionable. This Office has not reviewed the Master Facilities Plan (MFP) itself, and therefore we have confined our legal review to the legal sufficiency of the Resolution, and offer no legal opinion on the MFP.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5524.

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Janet M. Robins

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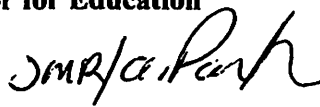


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Taneka S. Miller
Director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education

FROM: Janet M. Robins 
Deputy Attorney General
Legal Counsel Division

DATE: January 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Master Facilities Plan Approval Resolution of 2019
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This responds to your request for an expedited legal sufficiency review of the legislation entitled the "Master Facilities Plan Approval Resolution of 2019" (Resolution).¹

The Resolution will provide Council approval for the comprehensive multiyear Master Facilities Plan for public education.

This Office finds the Resolution to be legally sufficient, subject to the inclusion of the technical changes noted in the attached redlined version of the Resolution.

I have attached a Certificate of Legal Sufficiency for your use. In addition, please be reminded that a Fiscal Impact Statement must be submitted to the Council before it takes action on the Resolution. If you have any questions about this memorandum, please contact either Anne R. Hollander, Assistant Attorney General, at 724-5560, or me at 724-5524.

JMR/arh

Attachments (2)

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