



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

June 18, 2020

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Please find enclosed for consideration and approval by the Council of the District of Columbia, pursuant to authority conferred by D.C. Official Code §10-801, the "Ferebee-Hope School Surplus Declaration Resolution of 2020" and the "Ferebee-Hope School Disposition Approval Resolution of 2020". The resolutions would authorize the Department of General Services to lease District-owned real estate located at 3999 8th Street SE (also known as 700 Yuma Street SE), commonly known as the Ferebee-Hope School, and designated for tax and assessment purposes as Square 6124, Lot 0045 (the "Property").

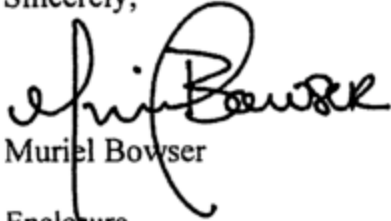
The Property is located in Ward 8, in the Washington Highlands neighborhood of Southeast DC. The land area of the Property consists of approximately 10.27 acres. The Property is improved with a 193,000 square foot school facility, a 33,000 square foot recreation center, athletic fields, a playground, athletic courts and other improvements. The District has not used the Property as a District of Columbia public school since 2013, although portions of the school building have been used as swing space by the District of Columbia Public Schools ("DCPS").

On July 9, 2019, a surplus public hearing took place and on November 11, 2019 a disposition public hearing took place, each at the Ferebee-Hope School site.

On August 29, 2019, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education and DGS issued a solicitation to identify a charter school to utilize the Property. There was one (1) offer in response to the solicitation, submitted by KIPP D.C. Public Charter Schools. KIPP DC is one of the District's most established Local Education Agencies, operating 16 schools and serving over 6,000 students. KIPP DC's schools perform well on all performance metrics and its current high school in Ward 5 is a Tier 1 school. KIPP DC has been successfully educating students in the DC area since 2001 and has a history of successful construction projects in former DCPS facilities. Based on the foregoing, the Property was awarded to KIPP DC. KIPP DC will redevelop the Property at an estimated cost of \$88,300,000.

I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on these proposed resolutions. If you have any questions, please contact Keith A. Anderson, Director, Department of General Services, at (202) 727-2800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Muriel Bowser

Enclosure


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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A RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF 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 declare as no longer required for public purposes the District-owned real property located at 3999 8th Street SE (also known as 700 Yuma Street SE), in Washington, D.C., commonly known as the Ferebee-Hope School, and known for tax and assessment purposes as Square 6124, Lot 0045.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Ferebee-Hope School Surplus Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. Findings.

(a) The District is the owner of real property located at 3999 8th Street SE (also known as 700 Yuma Street SE), in Washington, D.C., commonly known as the Ferebee-Hope School, and designated for tax and assessment purposes as Square 6124, Lot 0045 (the “Property”). The land area of the Property consists of approximately 10.27 acres. The Property is improved with a 193,000 square foot school facility, a 33,000 square foot recreation center, athletic fields, a playground, athletic courts and other improvements.

37 (b) The Property is no longer required for public purposes. The District has not
38 used the Property as a District of Columbia public school since 2013. The most viable
39 option for the use of the Property is its continued use as an educational facility for students
40 in the District. Declaring that the Property is no longer required for public purposes and
41 disposing of it under a long-term ground lease is the most expedient and cost-effective
42 solution to maintain the Property, allow the District to retain fee ownership of the Property
43 and provide the citizens of the District of Columbia with outstanding educational services.

44 (c) The District has satisfied the public hearing requirements of section (a-1)(4) of
45 an Act Authorizing the sale of certain real estate in the District of Columbia no longer
46 required for public purposes (the "Act"), approved August 5, 1939 (53 Stat. 1211; D.C.
47 Official Code §10-801(a-1)(4)), by holding the required public hearing on July 9, 2019.

48 Sec. 3. Pursuant to section (a-1)(1) of the Act (D.C. Official Code § 10-801(a-
49 1)(1)), the Council finds that the Property is no longer required for public purposes.

50 Sec. 4. Transmittal.

51 The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its
52 adoption, to the Mayor.

53 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

54 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
55 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
56 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

57 Sec. 6. Effective date.

58 This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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