

October 31, 2014

Dear Families,

In an effort to keep you updated on the plans for implementing the new school boundaries and student assignment policies, I am writing to share some important information.

Over the last several weeks, my team has focused on developing a road map for how best to implement the new school boundaries and student assignment policies. I want to reiterate our commitment to making this transition as smooth as possible for all DCPS families.

The new boundaries and feeder patterns will begin to go into effect next school year (SY2015-2016), with several policies being phased in over multiple school years. As a result of these phase-in policies, no student will have to leave their current DC public school based on the new assignments. For more information on the phase-in policies, please see the [online FAQ](#). We have also developed two documents that outline the changes that will be implemented next school year and the major milestones for the implementation of each recommendation in future years.

- [Summary of SY15-16 Implementation Plan](#)
- [Implementation Chart](#)

The process for developing these new policies is a great example of what happens when we work together to solve the problems we face. The Deputy Mayor for Education and the city-wide Student Assignment Advisory Committee worked exhaustively to collect and listen to every single piece of feedback over the past year. I am grateful for their commitment and leadership. They developed a thoughtful strategy to improve educational access all across the city and help us to move ahead.

If you have any questions or want to share your feedback, please call the Chancellor's Response Team at 202-478-5738 or email Chancellorsresponseteam@dc.gov.

We are DCPS and we can do this.

Sincerely,



Kaya Henderson
Chancellor