



DCPS School Budget Public Hearing

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

On November 14, 2017 Chancellor Antwan Wilson held the District of Columbia Public Schools Public Budget Hearing. Members of the public provided input on the upcoming Fiscal Year 2019 (School Year 2018-19) budget. Residents provided thoughtful comments on a variety of topics ranging from at-risk funding to college tours for juniors and seniors in high school. Residents providing testimony represented all school types.

Below is a list of the most common topics or themes that DCPS administrators heard from residents:

Topics/Themes Captured	Resident Comment (Summarized)
At-Risk Funding	At-Risk funds should be more flexible for Principals to use on students who are at-risk, and should not be used to fund base allocations.
Technology	Ensure that all schools have adequate technology and support. DCPS should have a long-term technology strategy.
Social Emotional Learning	Adequately fund schools to support students' social emotional needs. Schools struggle to provide these service above students' basic needs.
Capital Improvement Plan (School Buildings and Facilities)	Modernize all buildings, ensure that building issues are closed out in a timely manner and do not carry over year over year.
Quality programming throughout the feeder	Invest in Middle Schools. DCPS needs quality middle school programming: language immersion and STEM/STEAM.
School Funding	Adequately fund schools to keep up with inflation (e.g. increases to school-base staff positions). Transparency around teacher salaries – actual v. average.