

District of Columbia Public Education Finance Reform Commission

November 14, 2011

Dear DC Families and Community Partners:

On behalf of the District of Columbia Public Education Finance Reform Commission (“Commission”), I am pleased to share with you that the work of the Commission has officially resumed.

As Chair of the Commission, I want to share with you some important news about the work going forward:

Addition of Two Members to the Commission

After our first meeting in September, the Commission received a letter signed by a number of individuals and groups expressing their interest in the work of the Commission and concern about a lack of “parent advocate and community” representatives. As Chair of the Commission, it is important for me that we consider all legitimate concerns of the community. Given that the Commission has significant representation from DC government, public charter schools and other experts, the Commission has decided to add two additional Commissioners to represent this important stakeholder group.

I have requested that the current Commissioners make nominations, and I am requesting that the public make nominations as well. Please submit names for consideration by Monday, November 21, 2011, to dcpefrc@gmail.com with the subject line “Commission Nominations.” Please also let individuals and groups in your networks know that the Commission is seeking two community representatives.

Timing of Next Meeting and General Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule and locations are currently being determined and will be made available to the public by November 22, 2011.

Review of Public Engagement Plan

A public engagement plan was developed in coordination with the Commission and will be posted for public comment by November 16, 2011. The period for public comment will be open through November 23, 2011. The Commission welcomes your feedback and ideas on how to best engage the community in developing its recommendations. You can submit your feedback to dcpefrc@gmail.com with the subject line “Public Engagement Plan Comments.”

On behalf of the entire Commission, I thank you in advance for your contributions to this important work that will impact DC’s public school students in the years to come.

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Ed Lazere
Chair, DC Public Education Finance Reform Commission

