



Meeting with Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie
Wednesday, January 24, 2018 1:00pm-2:00pm
 1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004

<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Lead(s)</i>
1:00pm – 1:05pm	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share purpose of PAVE and meeting • Review agenda • Thank Councilmember McDuffie and staffer 	Joy Bell, Parent Chair
1:05pm – 1:10pm	Introduction of Councilmember	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce Councilmember McDuffie to the Board 	Maya Martin, ED of PAVE
1:10pm – 1:20pm	Parent Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Robin introductions of parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent Name ○ School(s) Your Student(s) Attend(s) ○ How did you choose your child’s school? Why was that school the best choice? 	All Parents
1:20pm – 1:25pm	Councilmember Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair introduces themselves last and thanks parents for sharing their stories. • Chair invites Councilmember McDuffie to share with the parents what his current priorities are. 	Councilmember McDuffie
1:25pm – 1:30pm	Parent Question and Discussion 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I’m asking this question for Roukiatou Kirakoya, who couldn’t join us this afternoon because of a work conflict. Roukiatou’s son had surgery in September and missed over a month of school as a result. To aid in his recovery, the doctor recommended that he spend time exercising in the pool. If he were able to go to a program at the pool after school, he would be able to strengthen his legs, but these programs either cost too much or have long waiting lists. An increase in funding for Out of School Time (OST) programs could be used to ensure that my son and children like him have access to recreational and therapeutic programming without having to miss school hours. Will you commit to working with Mayor Bowser and the council to increase OST funding to \$25 million? What will you and your staff do to increase access to recreation facilities in Ward 5 for children with medical disabilities? 	Joy Bell, Friendship PCS – Woodridge Middle Parent

<p>1:30pm – 1:35pm</p>	<p><i>Parent Question and Discussion 2</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I care deeply about my twins having opportunities to participate in engaging STEM programs outside of school, but have to drive to Maryland for a high-quality program (Metro Warriors STEM Organization). I care deeply about STEM education, and I know many parents care deeply about using Out of School Time for other enrichment opportunities – arts, music, sports, etc. In addition to ensuring access for all families, we have to ensure that the quality of programs is high. How will you push the Mayor to increase funding to a meaningful level – \$25 million – and ensure that families have access to a range of affordable and high-quality Out of School Time programs in DC? 	<p>Yvette Selby, Capital City PCS Middle Parent</p>
<p>1:35pm – 1:40pm</p>	<p><i>Parent Question and Discussion 3</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good afternoon Councilmember McDuffie, and thank you for being here to hear our concerns. I have a concern about the gun safety and drug problems that are around our schools. As you know, there have been a lot of gun incidents around several schools in Ward 5--including Wheatley and Inspired, where my grandchildren attend. What is being done to ensure that our children are in a safe environment in and around school grounds and how can we be sure this will be addressed? 	<p>Cassandra Gentry, Inspired Teaching and Wheatley EC Grandparent</p>
<p>1:40pm –1:45pm</p>	<p><i>Parent Question and Discussion 4</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> My autistic son, before being diagnosed, experienced harsh punishments from his father because his father didn't understand he wasn't being disrespectful – his autism prevented him from fully understanding his father's directions. But this sort of trauma is hardly unique; studies show that living in poverty (essentially being in survival mode when it comes to housing and food) hinders children's development and is traumatic—for many Ward 5 families, this state of survival is a reality. My experience has taught me that kids need more preventative measures for coping with the effects of trauma and that parents need to be part of ending the stigma around mental health. How are you and your office working to address the mental health stigma that we know many families in Ward 5 are facing and how will you make sure that 	<p>Lark Catoe-Emerson, DCI Middle and High School Parent</p>

		addressing this challenge is at the forefront of our community's mind?	
1:45pm – 1:50pm	<i>Parent Question and Discussion 5</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While I “won” the lottery – my daughter goes to a school and is part of a community that I love – not everyone can “play” the lottery in the same way. How can we ensure that every child has access to a great school, regardless of their ability to participate fully in the lottery? 	Melinda Wuellner, Inspired Teaching Parent
1:50pm – 1:55pm	<i>Closing and Thank You</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank Councilmember McDuffie for having us and parents for attending. • Ask Councilmember McDuffie how PAVE parents can continue to learn more about his priorities. 	Joy Bell
1:55pm – 2:00pm	<i>Group Photo</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All parents and the Councilmember pose for a photograph together. 	Joy Bell