When PAVE Parent Leaders See Something....

- **Parents must be valued partners** with our education system and our policymakers.
- Parents want to **know and understand all of the information** about how DC's Schools are doing.
- Every ward and community needs a **diversity of high-quality schools**.

...PAVE Parent Leaders SAY and DO Something!

- PAVE Parent Leaders **attended forums and events** to share what they wanted to see in the next DCPS Chancellor and in the vision for Education in DC. Most important to parents: **leaders who engage with families and listen to parent and community voice**.
- PAVE Parent Leaders helped bring together **diverse voices from the community** about the 2018 **DC Public Education Master Facilities Plan**. More than 80 parents, educators, and community members attended PAVE's focus groups and through **Parent Leader canvassing**, over 500 surveys were collected from across the District.
- To make the state report card a tool that all families can use, PAVE hosted **focus groups** in every ward and collected over **500 surveys** for **OSSE** to get parent and community feedback on language and design.
- PAVE staff and Ward 7 parent leader, Yolanda Corbett, participated in the State Board of Education's (SBOE) **ESSA Task Force** to put **parent voice front and center in the DC School Report Card** and the implementation of DC's ESSA plan.
- Recognizing DC's geographic segregation of selective high schools, a PAVE Ward 8 PLE Board member **visited Bard Early College** with **Councillmember Trayon White** in Baltimore. At Bard, each student graduates with an associate degree, significantly reducing the cost of college and easing the burden for students.
- Starting in the fall of 2016, a group of eight Ward 8 and military parents worked together to form the **Ward 8 Parent Operator Selection Team (POST)**. They created a **model for school selection that happens by and with families in the community** and selected LEARN, a high-performing charter school from Chicago.
Because of PAVE Parent Leaders....

- DC’s first citywide School Report Card was released in December 2018, reflecting much of the feedback from families, such as including more information about teacher experience and before and after school care, as well as parents’ suggestions about word choice and design.
- Hearing the call from parents, the mayor announced a partnership with Bard High School Early College in October of 2018. Bard is scheduled to open in Ward 7 in Fall 2019 and will be the only selective high school East of the Anacostia River.
- After the Ward 8 POST selected LEARN, the DC Public Charter School Board unanimously approved LEARN’s application which is set to open in Fall 2021, bringing another high-quality school option East of the River.

What’s Next?

- Parents can share more feedback on the Master Facilities Plan at the next public hearing on Wednesday, June 5th. Sign up to testify: bit.do/educationhearings
- OSSE has committed to using parent and community feedback to improve the DC School Report Card and will include more information on special education programming and teacher retention. PAVE will be hosting sessions to help parents understand how to use the report card.
- Every ward and community still needs a diversity of high-quality schools that meet the unique needs of all of our children. In 2019-20, PAVE parents will continue to advocate for the school options and specialized programs that allow all of our children to learn and grow.

Join us in making change in DC Schools!

- Check out this PAVE Post to learn more about the DC School Report Card and the parent-driven development process: bit.ly/2wrY4qV
- Learn more about how parents PAVE-ed the way during the Ward 8 POST project: bit.ly/2VSoSdZ
- Reach out to PAVE’s organizing team at organizers@dcpave.org to join 2000+ DC parent leaders and share your voice!