



VALUE #3

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When PAVE Parent Leaders See Something....

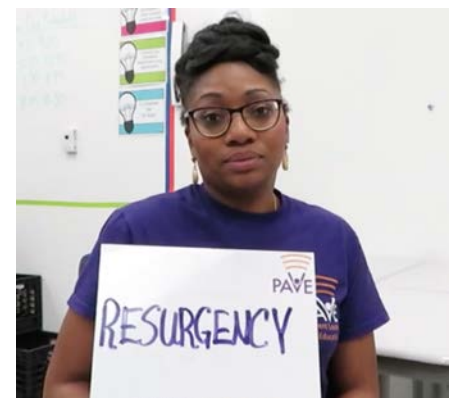
- We are **not providing the mental health supports** our students need to **address the challenges** they face inside and outside of the classroom.
- Many DC students **travel to and from school** and **do not feel safe**.

...PAVE Parent Leaders SAY and DO Something!

- PAVE Parent Leaders came together to **write their own Statements of Beliefs on Mental Health Supports and Trauma-Informed Training in All Schools**, calling for \$54 million dollars for comprehensive mental health supports at school, **best practices to engage parents and families** in that work, and a needs assessment to ensure that any additional funding is allocated equitably.
- PAVE Parent Leaders **shared their powerful stories and advocated for mental health supports** by writing blogs and op-eds, posting on social media, meeting with elected officials, and testifying at DC Council public hearings.
- PAVE participated in the **Family and Youth Subcommittee on the Coordinating Council of School Mental Health, the School Mental Health Stakeholder Learning Community, and the Safe Passage Working Group** to ensure the work was centered in the needs of families and communities.

*"[My child] has a learning disability and requires social-emotional support. I believe we can **increase equity in DC schools** and more families, not just mine, could have children **perform better academically, feel safer, and more included to be successful**. All children should have this."*

- Kelita Boyd, Ward 8 PAVE Parent Leader





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Because of PAVE Parent Leaders....

- **35 organizations** signed on to **PAVE Parent Leaders' Statement of Beliefs on Mental Health Supports and Trauma-Informed Training in All Schools** and the #DoMoreWith54 campaign.
- The city has **proposed a total increase of \$13.7 million** for **mental health supports in schools** for Fiscal Year 2020.
- **Councilmember Nadeau** proposed an **amendment to change a tax program and invest more funding in school-based mental health supports**, job training, childcare, supportive housing services and homelessness outreach.

What's Next?

- We still need at least **\$30 million more for mental health supports** in schools, as well as a **needs assessment** to ensure that additional supports are allocated equitably. PAVE parents will continue to advocate for more mental health supports in schools that **consistently involve parents and families**.

Join us in making change in DC Schools!

- Check out PAVE Parent Leaders **PAVE Parent Leaders' Statement of Beliefs** and the #DoMoreWith54 campaign at dcpave.org/domorewith54
- Reach out to PAVE's organizing team at organizers@dcpave.org to join 2000+ DC parent leaders and **share your voice!**

