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
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!