



DC Council At-Large Candidates Forum  
Tuesday, October 20th, 2020

**Agenda:**

- **Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks (20 minutes)**
  - Maya Martin Cadogan
    - Interpretation Line for monolingual Spanish-speakers: 202-750-3266
    - **13 Confirmed Candidates**
      1. Mónica Palacio (I)
      2. Jeanné Lewis (I)
      3. Christina Henderson (I)
      4. Vincent Orange (I)
      5. Michelangelo "Doctor Mic" Scruggs (I)
      6. Ed Lazere (I)
      7. Marcus Goodwin (I)
      8. Chander Jayaraman (I)
      9. Alex Padro (I)
      10. Mario Cristaldo (I)
      11. Markus Batchelor (I)
      12. Kathy Henderson (I)
      13. Councilmember Robert White (D)
- **Parent Q&A - (50 minutes) - See the full questions below**
  - Yael Meirovich, Ward 1 Parent Leader - *Distance Learning*
  - Chelly Jones, Ward 4 Parent Leader - *Parents' Rights*
  - Jaimee Hall, Ward 7 Parent Leader - *Schools Reopening*
- **Candidate Closing Remarks (15 minutes)**
- **Closing and Next Steps (5 minutes)**

Parent Name	Question
Yael Meirovich, CentroNia and Ward 1 Parent Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COVID has been extremely challenging for families in DC, where every child's distance learning experience looks different. We know that the loss in learning as a result will not be evenly distributed, and will certainly deepen already existing disparities. Families of and students who need special education or ELL services are feeling this even more now than they were before.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are your plans to ensure that the families of children suffering learning loss can receive the support needed now during distance learning and when schools reopen?</li> </ul>
<b>Chelly Jones</b> , DC International School and Ward 4 Parent Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I have two children who attend DCI, and my son has an IEP. While we are blessed to have a supportive and well-resourced SPED team at our current school, I know all too well the struggle when resources are limited.</li> <li>- PAVE parent leaders have worked extremely hard prioritizing and addressing gaps in the education systems that do not align with what we need to be true for every family and every child across DC. At the core of our advocacy is a fight for basic educational rights. What is the number one right that you believe all parents should have?</li> </ul>
<b>Jaimee Hall</b> , Rocketship PCS and Ward 7 Parent Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In-person school is coming back soon, right now, DCPS is planning to reopen next month, while the public charter school my daughter attends has extended distance learning until January. I want to see a school reopening plan and process that is as safe and equitable as possible for ALL schools and families.</li> <li>- How do you feel about continuing distance learning as an option for those parents and teachers that do not feel safe sending their children back to schools?</li> </ul>

Parent Name	Closing Remarks Question from the Chat	Asked (Y/N)?
<b>Danielle Henry</b> , Creative Minds International Public Charter School, Ward 5 Parent Leader	What, in your opinion, is the most pressing education issue facing the District?	Y