



## PAVE State Board of Education Candidates Forum

October 14, 2020

### Agenda:

- **Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Remarks (20 minutes)**
  - Maya Martin Cadogan, *Founder and Executive Director of PAVE*
    - **16 Confirmed Candidates:**
      - **At Large**
        - **Jacque Patterson**, *At-Large Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
        - **Mysiki Valentine**, *At-Large Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
        - **Dorothy Douglas**, *At-Large Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
        - **Ravi K. Perry**, *At-Large Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
        - **Christopher W Martin**, *At-Large Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
      - **Ward 2**
        - **Allister Chang**, *Ward 2 Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
        - **James Harnett**, *Ward 2 Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
        - **Christopher Etesse**, *Ward 2 Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
        - **Sarah Mehrotra**, *Ward 2 Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
      - **Ward 4**
        - **Frazier L. O'Leary, Jr.**, *Ward 4 Member of the State Board of Education candidate running for re-election*
      - **Ward 7**
        - **Eboni-Rose Thompson**, *Ward 7 Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
        - **Karen Williams**, *Ward 7 Member of the State Board of Education candidate running for re-election*
        - **Dontrell Smith**, *Ward 7 Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
        - **Charles Boston**, *Ward 7 Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
      - **Ward 8**



- **Lajoy Johnson-Law**, *Ward 8 Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
  - **Carlene D. Reid**, *Ward 8 Member of the State Board of Education candidate*
- **Parent Q&A - (50 minutes) - See the full questions below**
  - **Yvette Selby**, *Ward 5 Parent Leader - Funding Parent Priorities for #DCSchoolsRecovery*
  - **Justin Duiguid**, *Ward 1 Parent Leader - Mayoral control and engaging families in schools reopening planning*
  - **DaSean Jones**, *Ward 8 Parent Leader - Expanding school-based mental health supports*
- **Candidate Closing Remarks (15 minutes)**
- **Closing and Next Steps (5 minutes)**
  - Upcoming events
  - Exit Ticket

Parent Name	Question
<b>Yvette Selby</b> , McKinley Technology High School, Capital City PCS - High School and Ward 5 Parent Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I'm a parent of 10th-grade twins, and my children are doing well in school. I have a daughter with a math disability and I sometimes worry that she is not getting the support needed in her virtual learning space. The current COVID-19 situation highlights major inequities within our school system will worsen unless addressed head-on. Before COVID-19 small gains were being made, however, DC still had huge achievement gaps between black and white students, at-risk and non-at-risk students and District-wide.</li> <li>- How will you help those students most impacted and their families to get the support needed to ensure a successful school year - including additional funding for schools, technology for distance learning and telehealth, mental health supports, childcare, and other resources to meet their basic needs?</li> </ul>
<b>Justin Duiguid</b> , Meridian Public Charter School, Ward 1 Parent Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Over the last 6 months COVID-19 has vastly increased the role that parents and grandparents have taken on in our children's learning, health and safety at home. Parents still depend on schools to be hubs of learning and wellness, but now we have an opportunity to reimagine engagement for the school year and reopening process.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are your feelings on Mayoral control of schools and with schools in other jurisdictions in various stages of the in-person/virtual spectrum, how should parents get a voice and choice in the re-opening plan?</li> </ul>
<p><b>DaSean Jones,</b> Columbia Heights Education Campus, Eagle Academy PCS and Ward 8 Parent Leader</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We know that ALL kids have experienced trauma and stress from COVID on top of the other needs that they might have already been dealing with even before this started. Ward 8 is already a high-risk area for an array of abuse and neglect.</li> <li>- How will you make additional resources available in the school so that ALL children can have a safe space to share about the issues they are having AND give teachers, administrators, and parents the trauma-informed training so they are able to identify kids' needs, help them address those needs, and manage their emotions?</li> </ul>