



PAVE State Board of Education Candidates Forum

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FORUM QUESTIONS

Parent Name	Questions Asked During Forum
<p>Yvette Selby, McKinley Technology High School, Capital City PCS - High School and Ward 5 Parent Leader</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. - 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?
<p>Justin Duiguid, Meridian Public Charter School, Ward 1 Parent Leader</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. - 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?
<p>DaSean Jones, Columbia Heights Education Campus, Eagle Academy PCS and Ward 8 Parent Leader</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. - 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?



CHAT QUESTIONS

Parent Name	Questions Unanswered in Chat	Candidate's Answer
Janice Agricola	To Mysiki Valentine: What DCPS schools did you attend and what schools have you worked for and in what capacity?	
Denise Miles-Francois	To Frazier O'Leary: How long have you been on SBOE? What do you think are the things that SBOE has gotten right? What concrete examples can you give of what needs to be fixed?	
Chioma Oruh	Chioma wants to hear from each candidate on their plans to ensure that the families of and students with disabilities receive the support needed now during distance learning and when schools reopen.	
Jaimee Hall	How do you feel about continuing distance learning as an option for those parents that do not feel safe sending their children back to schools?	
Carletta Allen	My daughter is a freshman at Benjamin Banneker Academic SHS. I am curious as to how each of the candidates feel about the reopening of schools in November. What are their plans to assist with implementing a safe reopening when it's time to open?	
Janice Agricola	Question for Ravi Perry - do you support Birth to Three for All funding?	
Renee Davis	My NAME is Renee Davis. I am a 4th generation Washingtonian, a proud alumnus of Two DC public schools ---> School With Out Walls city as a classroom and was a Humanities and Math Science program at Ballou High School. For at large candidates- I am parent of two autistic children in who despite having a medical	



	<p>diagnosis established before age 2 have had an tumultuous experiences navigating the city’s special education system. our experiences run the spectrum from early stages program to ligations for Failure to provide safe transportation and ultimately departing DCPS for a OSSE funded PRIVATE placement in the only school that has an autism high school with a diploma track less than 1 mile from our northern board. My question is what is your experience with special education service for kids of all abilities and learners?</p>	
Marcia Huff	<p>I would like to hear from all candidates what they think DC schools should be doing to support students post-graduation career success.</p>	
Chioma Oruh	<p>Do you all support compensatory education for children with disabilities that have missed much needed academic and related services support?</p>	
Doris Dupuy	<p>For those without children you're caring for: what is at stake for you in this election?</p>	
Paula Gant	<p>Duke Ellington is a dual-curriculum school that is funded as if it were a single-curriculum school. As a result the school’s budget only addresses the academic curriculum but must be stretched to cover the arts curriculum. Duke is a tremendous success story — 56% of the students come from Wards 5, 6, 7 & 8, and with NO academies testing required for admission, the school has CLOSED the achievement gap — something no other school in DCPS has done. What will you do to close the funding gap for Duke Ellington?</p>	
Maryam Oladipupo	<p>Candidate Chang - Thank you for highlighting the plight of immigrant families. As you are aware the immigrant community is a very diverse group with myriad concerns.</p>	



	What strategies would you use to address concerns for this demographic in an equitable manner?	
Tiffany Randall	how do you feel children with preexisting health conditions (asthma etc.) can be protected in school if returning doing covid? woth parents fearing to send them to school without their child being hindered	
Doris Dupuy	Why is it important for you all to ensure that all wards have the resources they need in schools? And not just for your own ward?	
Sharon Culver	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?	
Jasmine Jones	How do you feel about continuing distance learning as an option for those parents that do not feel safe sending their children back to schools?	
Laurie Moskowitz	To All Candidates: What's your take on the new DCPS Budget process that is being rolled out and how that will help address the equity gap.	
Brittany Wade	What's the plans for the schools in ward 7 that do you (do not?) have proper LSATs and PTA's?	
Miguelina Zapata	To W4 O'Leary: Since you are running unopposed, what have you done so far and what will you do moving forward to advocate for our black and brown children? How will you address the equity gap in schools in W4?	
Elani Lawrence	How can you work to engage all families, including those families that do not speak English?	
Negest Rucker	My daughter is a 5th grader at The Social Justice School. My question is about the UPSFF. If elected, what role do you believe you would play in making sure schools are	



	funded equitably? Additionally, how do you believe you can help make funding information and budget decisions more transparent?	
Ilana Harrus	How would you push for back in school in person? Who would be in favor of budget transparency inside the system and the availability of vouchers? Also: how do you guarantee the safety of students inside schools (my kid was bullied every day before the “break Of the pandemic..	
Andrea Tucker	I know we as parents have a voice for our children and what we feel they need, but our children also have a voice going to school and living this daily. How will you all incorporate students voice in what they need and how we move education and their needs forward.	
Christopher Cooke	What will state education members do to make sure that LGBTQ students are protected and getting the resources they need in DC schools as it pertains to sexual education, suicide prevention, ect.	
Carolyn Bowen	To all candidates: How do you plan to work to represent, encourage collaboration, and be a voice for students/families in both traditional dcps and public charter schools?	
Leigh Sims	as a special educator who worked in ward 7 and 8 I enjoyed my experience supporting and working with families but the burnout as a teacher ANYWHERE is real. what conversations are you willing to have to support the role of a teacher ?	
Paula Gant	Adding on to the questions raised about equitable funding, what are your views on whether the new budget funding model proposed by DCPS will move us closer to	



	equity across Wards? and how will it address the varied needs and roles of our schools?	
Neela Ghoshal	Has there been any serious consideration to outdoor learning as a response to Covid-19? if not, why not? do you plan to work to make this an option?	
Jaimee Hall	Do any of you feel safe sending your children back to school in-person right now?	
Kelita Boyd	What approaches will you take to reform graduation standards, academic standards, and qualifications for teachers to serve ALL kids? Each of you have talked about closing the achievement gap but we currently have a social studies curriculum 6 years old, education technology that is not inclusive to supporting kids with special needs, and the 21st Century literacy needed District-wide that create pathways for All of our kids differ per school, if not by Ward.	
Miguelina Zapata	I am a parent of a 1st grade student as well as a preK4 student at a DC Charter school. To all the candidates: Many parents do not have the flexibility to keep their children at home. How will you keep children, teachers, and other staff safe at school during this Covid crisis?	
Meladie Tatum	Having a strong voice is only half the battle. Support is what comes behind this. Having a plan A is just not it. What is plan B? How do you plan to make your voice heard and why do you think your voice is strong enough?	