

Ward 3 Candidates for the DC Council

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On a scale of 1 to 100:Do you agree with this statement? The primary public agency responsible for the socio-emotional problems of children and youth caused and exacerbated by the pandemic should be the DCPS public schools.	1
Teacher turnover in DC's public schools are among the highest in the nation, and the pandemic has made teaching even more challenging. What do you think can be done to address teacher turnover in DCPS?	
Educators are being under paid, have lack of resources, have long hours and limited mentorship opportunities. These issues need to be addressed if we want to increase our retention levels.Some of the incentives that I would support include housing credits, tax breaks, student loan forgiveness, reduce childcare.	
The pandemic has highlighted the need to provide equitable student access to technology as part of a 21st-century education. What will you do to ensure DCPS supports comprehensive technology planning and funding to support student learning?	
WE need to make sure that we have one device per student. We also need to make sure that the students are comfortable using the device so that when they are at home they can utilize it.	
DCPS school communities have concerns with the quality of building repair and maintenance including HVAC systems in older as well as newly modernized buildings. How can the Council address their concerns with DCPS facilities operations and maintenance?	
We need to commit to providing funding for school modernization and up keep.	
The financial outlook for the District has been impacted by the public health crisis, previous years of strong economic growth, and federal Rescue Plan funds. What do you think the three greatest fiscal challenges for D.C. public education will be over the next four years?	
The three areas we need more attention to funding is special education, wrap around services and school expansions.	
Check on the statement below that best describes your position:	
I think D.C. policies should prioritize the DCPS system of by-right neighborhood schools.	
I think D.C. policies should prioritize parental choice.	x
Explain: As a parent of three daughters and two sons, I know that every school is not the right fit for every student. Even in my own home, I have had to pick schools based on what my individual child needed not what their sibling needed. Parents need and most have choices.	
ON a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the strongest How strongly do you agree with this statement: The most effective system to ensure equitable quality for students and communities is a system of well-planned and supported DCPS feeder schools of right.	2

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the strongest, how strongly do you agree with this statement: PK4 students should be able to enroll by-right into their neighborhood DCPS elementary schools.	1
Will you support convening a student assignment and boundary review process to be completed by 2023?	Yes
Comments, if any.	
Should DCPS have budget protections because of its responsibilities as the school system-of-right?	Yes
Comments: Schools can not effectively operate or plan without stable and reliable funding.	
The DC Council transferred responsibility for school security in DCPS schools from MPD back to DCPS; DCPS will control its security guard contract this year; and MPD School Resource Officers will be reduced. How should the Council determine whether students are more safe and secure?	
The Council will need to look at data from before and after the change.	
Do you support any changes in the way the District of Columbia governs public education?	Yes
What governance reforms would you support for DCPS?	
A DCPS education policy board, appointed by the Mayor, confirmed by Council, with authority to hire and fire the chancellor.	Would consider
An elected DCPS education policy board of education, independent of the Mayor.	Would oppose
Other ideas you would consider or support for DCPS:	
What governance reforms would you support for the State Board of Education and the Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE)?	
State Board of Education with authority to hire and fire the State Superintendent of Education.	Would consider
State Board of Education with authority to initiate policy--not just approve it--in areas it already has jurisdiction over.	Would oppose
Other ideas you would consider or support for SBOE and/or OSSE:	
What governance changes would you consider or support for the D.C. Council?	
An Education Committee for the Council of the District of Columbia.	Would support
Council control over the level of charter enrollment and the number of charter schools.	Would consider
Other changes you would consider or support D.C. Council governance of public education:	
What governance reforms would you support for the Public Charter School Board (PCSB)?	
An elected Public Charter School Board.	Would consider
Public Charter School Board appointed by Ward Councilmembers and 3 at-large members appointed by the Mayor.	Would consider
Other reforms you would consider or support for PCSB:	