

### Ward 3 Candidates for the DC Council

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<b>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.</b>	50
<b>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?</b>	
We need to support our teachers through negotiated pay increases, mentoring, and options to receive additional degrees and training paid for by the District.	
<b>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?</b>	
I would use the annual budget oversight process to ensure funds are allocated for the technology our students need to excel.	
<b>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?</b>	
These concerns should be funded through the annual budget process. As Budget Director for the District of Columbia and the Council, I have the experience to ensure that Ward 3 Schools are properly modernized and maintained.	
<b>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?</b>	
(1) Ensuring the Council approves needed increases to UPSFF (2) Risk of revenue loss in downtown commercial core creating revenue problems. (3) Ensuring we prioritize DCPS capital projects under the District's 12% debt cap.	
<b>Check on the statement below that best describes your position:</b>	
<b>I think D.C. policies should prioritize the DCPS system of by-right neighborhood schools.</b>	
<b>I think D.C. policies should prioritize parental choice.</b>	
<b>Explain:</b> There is no conflict to prioritizing both of these positions, because we fund schools through the Uniform-Per-Student Funding-Formula.	
<b>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.</b>	1
<b>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.</b>	1

<b>Will you support convening a student assignment and boundary review process to be completed by 2023?</b>	Yes
<b>Comments, if any:</b> I'm not clear on the question. Is it saying the beginning or end of 2023? I do support a full review of the school boundaries.	
<b>Should DCPS have budget protections because of its responsibilities as the school system-of-right?</b>	No
<b>Comments</b>	
<b>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?</b>	
I support our MPD School Resource Officers and think they have a valuable role in our schools, but oversight is always important.	
<b>Do you support any changes in the way the District of Columbia governs public education?</b>	No
<b>What governance reforms would you support for DCPS?</b>	
<b>A DCPS education policy board, appointed by the Mayor, confirmed by Council, with authority to hire and fire the chancellor.</b>	Would oppose
<b>An elected DCPS education policy board of education, independent of the Mayor.</b>	Would oppose
<b>Other ideas you would consider or support for DCPS:</b>	
<b>What governance reforms would you support for the State Board of Education and the Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE)?</b>	
<b>State Board of Education with authority to hire and fire the State Superintendent of Education.</b>	Would oppose
<b>State Board of Education with authority to initiate policy--not just approve it--in areas it already has jurisdiction over.</b>	Would oppose
<b>Other ideas you would consider or support for SBOE and/or OSSE:</b>	
<b>What governance changes would you consider or support for the D.C. Council?</b>	
<b>An Education Committee for the Council of the District of Columbia.</b>	Would support
<b>Council control over the level of charter enrollment and the number of charter schools.</b>	Would oppose
<b>Other changes you would consider or support D.C. Council governance of public education:</b>	
<b>What governance reforms would you support for the Public Charter School Board (PCSB)?</b>	
<b>An elected Public Charter School Board.</b>	Would oppose
<b>Public Charter School Board appointed by Ward Councilmembers and 3 at-large members appointed by the Mayor.</b>	Would oppose
<b>Other reforms you would consider or support for PCSB:</b>	