

**FY14 Performance Oversight Hearing**

**District of Columbia Public Schools**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

**Question 27:** Describe any partnerships or collaborations currently underway between the DCPS and other District government agencies. In particular, point out any new partnerships or collaborations developed, planned, or implemented over the last fiscal year. Please include the following agencies:

- DC Public Charter Schools
- Public Charter School Board;
- DC Public Library;
- DC Department of General Services;
- DC Metropolitan Police Department;
- DC Department of Behavioral Health;
- DC Department of Health;
- DC Department of Transportation;
- Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education;
- Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services; and
- Office of Planning.

**Office of the Deputy Chancellor (ODC)**

The Office of the Deputy Chancellor for Operations collaborates closely and regularly with the following agencies:

- **DC Department of General Services** – The Office of the Deputy Chancellor works closely with DGS on capital projects (planning and construction) as well as ongoing repairs and maintenance of all schools and the central office.
- We partner with the following agencies to ensure student safety. Please see Q27 Attachment\_MPD School Safety Report\_School Year 2013-14 for additional information on the citywide partnerships around student safety.
  - **DC Metropolitan Police Department** - MPD manages the contract that provides security officers in all schools. The DCPS Security team works closely with MPD to ensure all schools, students, and staff have a safe place to learn and work. Please see Q27 Attachment\_MPD School Safety Report\_School Year 2013-14 for additional information on the citywide partnerships around student safety.
  - **Department of Parks & Recreation** - We work with DPR's roving leaders to prevent and neutralize hostile behavior in youth and youth groups. We also collaborate with DPR to provide a range of summer enrichment programs for young people.
  - **Metro Transit** - We partner with Metro to enable effective and positive communication between DCPS schools, students, and Metro.
  - **District Department of Transportation** - We work in concert with DDOT to ensure crossing guards provide safe passage to and from schools.
- **Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education** - We partner with DME to facilitate the out-of-boundary lottery through MySchoolDC. We have also worked with DME over the last year on the planning and implementation of new boundaries and feeder patterns.

- **Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services** - We assisted and provided requested information to the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services for their investigation into DC government response to the disappearance of Relisha Rudd.
- **Office of the State Superintendent of Education** - We work with OSSE on enrollment projections and the annual enrollment audit. OSSE also provides and monitors the TANF grant used to fund the afterschool program in many Title I schools.
- **DC Public Charter School Board** - We work closely with PCSB on the administration of the MySchoolDC unified lottery as well as EdFest, the District wide school information fair.

### **Office of Planning and Postsecondary Readiness (OPPR)**

- **DMPED/DCPS Partnership:** We began a new partnership with DMPED (DMPED Point of Contact: Nicole Sims) to leverage their industry contacts associated with their Creative Economy (Culinary Arts & Information Technology), Professional Services (Marketing, Public Relations, Data & Research and Development), and Medical Tourism strategy clusters. These DMPED industry contacts may join our NAF Career Academy Industry Advisory Boards, sponsor work-based learning activities such as internships or site visits, or serve as a site host for DC Meets Washington.
- **DOES/DCPS Partnership:** The Apprenticeship Council of the District of Columbia was established in response to an Act to Provide for Voluntary Apprenticeship in the District of Columbia Act of 1978. DOES (DOES Point of Contact: Jamell Thrower) has been designated as the representative of the Mayor and the DCPS Career & Technical Education team has been designated as the representative of the Chancellor on the Apprenticeship Council. During Council meetings, members typically review DC government contracts to ensure that they are in compliance with DC Law 2-156, which “require[s] registration of apprenticeship programs, to require contractors who contract with the District of Columbia government to hire District residents to perform a certain percentage of apprenticeship hours, to provide for the imposition of penalties for those contractors who fail to comply with this requirement, to require that funds collected or the payment of penalties be remitted to the District of Columbia Public Schools for the support of vocational education programs.”
- **OSSE/DCPS Partnerships:**
  1. **NAF Career Academy Collaboration:** OSSE (OSSE Point of Contact: Dr. Antoinette Mitchell) developed and leads the District’s NAF Career Academy Network (DC-CAN), which provides oversight, strategic planning and support, and advocacy for all of the District’s NAF Academies. DCPS is an official member of DC-CAN.
  2. **Postsecondary Collaboration:** OSSE (OSSE Point of Contact: Melissa McKnight) is leading the District’s FAFSA Completion Initiative, which will provide integrated marketing, data sharing, and awareness to promote FAFSA completion among DCPS & Public Charter school students. DCPS serves as a member of the FAFSA Completion Initiative planning group.
  3. **LearnDC College Readiness Metrics Committee:** OSSE (OSSE Point of Contact: Melissa McKnight) created this committee to review and revise the college readiness metrics that will be posted on LearnDC.org and create a standard set of business rules to use when calculating college matriculation and completion information. DCPS serves as a member of this committee.

- **MPD/DCPS Partnerships:** This summer, MPD (MPD Contact: Assistant Chief Patrick Burke) partnered with us on the DC Meets Washington summer college and career exposure program for middle grade students in the following two ways:
  1. Hosted students from Cardozo Education Campus & Browne Education Campus for a job shadowing event at MPD Headquarters. Students toured the headquarters and spoke to various MPD leaders about their jobs and the paths they took to get there.
  2. Groups of students in the MPD Cadet Academy spoke to students at Browne Education Campus and Cardozo Education Campus about the Cadet Academy, their interest in joining the MPD force, and their path through DCPS schools to the Cadet Academy.

### **Office of Family and Public Engagement (OFPE)**

#### **Deputy Mayor for Education (Boundaries and Feeders)**

In FY14 the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) was responsible for leading the Student Assignment and DCPS Boundary Review effort to review policies and practices, identify challenges, analyze data, and recommend solutions. DCPS played a critical role in the design of the effort and worked in partnership with the DME on this initiative, including the following:

- The DCPS Chief of Family and Public Engagement served as a member of DME's Advisory Committee for its duration;
- DCPS established and managed the contract for vendor (Reingold LINK) who provided assistance and support on community engagement and communications efforts;
- DCPS and DME designed and led two rounds of citywide community engagement meetings across the city (A total of six Round 1 meetings took place during April 2014 and three Round 2 meetings that took place in mid-June); and
- DCPS assisted in the development of an Implementation Plan and will be responsible for its execution

#### **Office of Human Rights (Citywide Bullying Prevention Program)**

A member of the Office of Family and Public Engagement (OFPE) served on the Bullying Prevention Taskforce to support a community engagement and outreach strategy in preparation for the city's Bullying Prevention Community Awareness Day in October 2014.

#### **Serve DC**

The DCPS Office of Family and Public Engagement (OFPE) maintains an ongoing relationship with Serve DC with a focus on community partnership cultivation and volunteer management. During FY14, areas of collaboration included:

- Volunteer Fingerprinting strategies
  - DCPS participated in Serve DC's volunteer fingerprinting roundtable for DC agencies;
  - DCPS worked with Serve DC to share our new online tool for managing volunteer fingerprinting clearance letters, which launched in March 2014.
- Partner Cultivation
  - As needed, DCPS and Serve DC collaborated around partner-led events to ensure all key stakeholders were engaged. This included a DC United event held at Cardozo Education Campus in the spring of 2014. DC United proposed the opportunity to Serve DC and given the school connection, our agencies collaborated to ensure it was a positive, beneficial experience for all stakeholders.
- Beautification Day

- Beautification Day is an annual one day, city-wide, community service event with nearly 5,000 volunteers completing service projects at DCPS schools traditionally held the weekend before school begins.
- In FY14, Serve DC adopted 5 DCPS school sites which included providing volunteers to serve as Site Coordinator and recruiting external partners to volunteer at the site.
- DCPS and Serve DC also collaborated around general volunteer recruitment and messaging. Serve DC included recruitment messages in agency newsletters and DCPS posted the event to Serve DC's *NeighborGood Volunteer Opportunity Database*.

#### **Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS)**

During FY14, the DCPS Office of Family and Public Engagement collaborated with OPGS in the following ways:

- Created new donation policy training tools that speak directly to the DCPS audience;
- Coordinated opportunities for OPGS to present donation policies to principals during DCPS principal cluster meetings;
- Co-facilitated donation policy trainings for DCPS Business Managers prior to the start of SY14-15;
- Coordinated approvals between DCPS and OPGS regarding donations to DC Public Schools.

#### **Multi-Agency Citywide Steering Committee (For FY14 this was the ONE City Youth Steering Committee managed by the DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation)**

DCPS is one of many DC Government Agencies, in partnership with community-based organizations (CBOs), that participate in a Citywide Youth Steering Committee with the goal of providing targeted assistance in high-crime areas through the alignment of year-round programs and resources across the across the city. In FY14 DCPS contributed to the work of the Committee in the following ways:

- DCPS opened school buildings in target areas to host CBO summer camps (in addition to regular K-12<sup>th</sup> summer school), allowing CBOs to continue services to the population they care for during the year.
- DCPS co-located many summer school and CBO Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) sites to conduct career exploration and work experience with youth 14 to 21 years of age.
- As a result of the DCPS commitment to open school buildings to external organizations over the summer of 2014, well over 2,000 youth enjoyed enriching and safe summer activities, resulting in safer neighborhoods when school is not in session.