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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To establish a special committee to examine the current education governance structure in the District of Columbia; to develop recommendations for changes to the governance structure; and to propose legislation to implement recommendations and address concerns.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Special Committee to Examine Education Governance Establishment Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. Establishment of a Special Committee on Education Governance.

(a) Pursuant to section 251 of the Rules of Organization and Procedure for the Council of the District of Columbia, Council Period 24 (“Council Rules”), there is established the Special Committee to Examine Education Governance (“Special Committee”).

Sec. 3. Chairmanship and Membership of the Special Committee.

(a) Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr. shall chair the Special Committee.

(b)(1) The Special Committee shall be comprised of four additional members of the Council of the District of Columbia.

(2) The Special Committee chair shall appoint members of the Special

36 Committee by either:

37 (A) Filing a memo with the Secretary of the Council; or

38 (B) Introducing a resolution to be passed by the Council.

39 (3) All members of the Special Committee must be appointed no later than 45  
40 calendar days after the effective date of this resolution.

41 (4) The Special Committee shall not conduct business until all members have  
42 been appointed.

43 Sec. 4. Responsibilities of the Special Committee.

44 (a) The responsibilities of the Special Committee shall be to:

45 (1) Hold public hearings and meetings to hear community, stakeholder, and  
46 subject matter expert input, to explore the challenges and outcomes related to the District of  
47 Columbia's education governance structure, and to learn about governance structures and  
48 experiences in other jurisdictions;

49 (2) Develop recommendations on how to improve the District of Columbia's  
50 governance structure to increase student achievement, reduce teacher and principal attrition,  
51 increase community engagement, and create greater equity; and

52 (3) Draft proposed legislation assembled from Special Committee hearings and  
53 meetings.

54 Sec. 5. Hearings and meetings; quorum.

55 (a) A hearing of the Special Committee may be called by the chair, which shall be held  
56 pursuant to the rules promulgated under section 6.

57 (b) A meeting of the Special Committee may be called by the chair, which shall be held  
58 pursuant to the rules promulgated under section 6.

59 (c)(1) For the purpose of a hearing, one member of the Special Committee shall  
60 constitute a quorum.

61 (2) For the purpose of a meeting, two members of the Special Committee shall  
62 constitute a quorum.

63 Sec. 6. Rules.

64 The Special Committee, pursuant to section 226 of the Council Rules, shall adopt written  
65 rules, not inconsistent with the Council Rules, this resolution, or other applicable law to govern  
66 its procedures.

67 Sec. 7. Fiscal impact statement.

68 This resolution has no fiscal impact.

69 Sec. 8. Effective date; sunset.

70 (a) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

71 (b) This resolution shall expire one year after its effective date.