


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 

DATE: January 4, 2024

RE: **Request to Place Measures on the Agenda for January 9, 2024 Legislative Meeting**

This memorandum is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the January 9, 2024 Legislative Meeting:

- **School Improvement Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **School Improvement Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**
- **School Improvement Temporary Amendment Act of 2024**

The purpose of the School Improvement Amendment Act is to elevate school support as an urgent priority for Washington, DC and establish clear roles, lines of authority, and responsibilities for the OSSE in improving outcomes at the District's low-performing schools. Final reading is scheduled for January 9th.

The legislation establishes an Office of School Support at the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) and requires OSSE to submit a report to Council in nine months on how the Office will identify and support schools in need of improvement. This measure, as an emergency, would allow OSSE to move forward with hiring immediately to meet the September 30, 2024 deadline for report submission.

This emergency legislation reflects all components of the underlying permanent bill. Draft copies of the measures are attached. Please call me or LeKisha Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor at (202) 724-8137 if you have any questions.

cc: All Councilmembers
Council Officers