

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR EDUCATION**



Post-Hearing Responses - FY 2024 & 2025 Performance Oversight

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Submitted to the  
Committee of the Whole, The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

**1. What is the timeline for when we will have a clearer picture of the viability of the former DPR headquarters as a solution for Bancroft ES?**

We recognize that solving for Bancroft’s overcrowding is a pressing issue that needs a clear solution after the short-term relocation of Bancroft’s PK grades to Sharpe Health for SY25-26 and SY26-27. DGS has walked the former DPR headquarters and DCPS and DGS are deliberating on the viability of the DPR headquarters for grades PK3, PK4, and kindergarten; Bancroft ES’s kindergarten grade is contributing to the space challenges in the current building. We will alert Council and the community as a soon as a decision is reached.

**2. How much funding would be needed to avoid reductions in the number of OST scholarships?**

In FY24, where one third of funding was earmarked for students with disabilities, the OST Office awarded 103 OST scholarships to expand access and to promote inclusion within OST programs. Of that group, 31 recipients (or 30%) were students with disabilities. In FY23, 165 students received an OST scholarship, and funding was not earmarked for students with disabilities. As a result of higher costs to serve youth with disabilities, the average cost per scholarship increased from FY23 to FY24 (increasing from \$2,424/student in FY23 to \$5,825/student in FY24, not including administrative cost).

To serve the same number of students as in FY23, the OST Office would need an additional \$402,000 to cover programmatic OST scholarships and the accompanying administrative costs.

**3. How many open DCPS and PCS PK3 and PK4 slots are there in Ward 1?**

The MySchool DC lottery closed on March 3, 2025 for students entering PK3-8<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2024-25 school year. Initial data are available and are based on school location and on initial lottery applicant numbers; we do not yet have actual enrollment numbers for the 2024-25 school year since matches will be announced on March 28, 2025 and schools work through their waitlists during enrollment season and the summer. Schools may also offer additional seats due to post-lottery movement, where an applicant may decide not to accept enrollment in a particular school where they have been matched or received a waitlist offer (this information is not included in My School DC’s lottery data at this point in the school year).

Information on the number of seats offered in Ward 1 and the number of applications received for those slots is below:

<i>Ward 1</i>		
	<b>SY24-25 Lottery Seats Offered</b>	<b>Unique Applications Submitted by the SY24-25 MySchool DC Lottery Deadline</b>
PK3	373	442
PK4	147	260

While these preliminary data show that there is greater lottery demand for PK3 and PK4 slots in Ward 1 than available supply, there were more PK seats available than there were applicants for

those seats across the District as a whole. Additionally, Ward 1 is geographically the smallest ward and centrally located in the District, facilitating travel to adjacent wards; as a result, Ward 1 has historically had the greatest percentage of pre-K families who commute to other wards.<sup>1</sup>

<i>District-wide</i>			
	<b>SY24-25 Lottery Seats Offered</b>	<b>Unique Applications Submitted by the SY24-25 MySchool DC Lottery Deadline</b>	<b>Available Seats in SY24-25</b>
PK3	7,037	4,844	+2,193
PK4	3,472	2,491	+981

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<sup>1</sup> Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education, “Student Commute Patterns,” EdScape, accessible from <https://edscape.dc.gov/page/student-commute-patterns>.