

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 

DATE: September 17, 2026

RE: **Request to Place Measures on the Agenda for September 22, 2026 Legislative Meeting**

The following measures are placed on the agenda for the September 22, 2026 Legislative Meeting:

- **Community Schools Task Force Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026**
- **Community Schools Task Force Emergency Amendment Act of 2026**
- **Community Schools Task Force Temporary Amendment Act of 2026**

The Community Schools Task Force (“Task Force”) was established as part of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Support Act of 2026 to research, evaluate, and recommend changes to the Council for a more sustainable and intentional model for full-service community schools. The Task Force will review national and local community school models and best practices, and must submit a report to the Council with recommendations by February 28, 2027 in advance of the Mayor’s submission of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. Because the Task Force is intended to have members with broad expertise in community schools programming and the challenges facing students and families, including national trends and multi-state research, many individuals with such expertise reside outside this District. However, the BSA provision inadvertently limited eligibility for appointments to District residents only.

This emergency legislation would permit the appointment of non-District residents in order to broaden the pool of researchers, principals, school leaders, and academics with community schools expertise. To enable DCPS and public charter school leaders, as well as members of the research and academic community, to be appointed and meet the February 28, 2027 reporting deadline, I am moving this legislation. Draft copies of the measures are attached. Please call me or Hannah Kozik, Legislative Policy Advisor at (202) 724-8137 if you have any questions.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Council Officers