

DC Quality Schools Community Engagement Initiative 2012

- As part of Mayor Gray's 'One DC' Education Agenda; the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) is supporting the Mayor's vision for academic excellence and creating a high quality education continuum from early childhood to K-12 to post-secondary and the workplace, through the coordination of a community engagement initiative focused on 'D.C. Quality Schools' in both the DC Public and DC Charter School Systems.
- This initiative will provide a thoughtful community input process to help provide information that will inform the improvement and legitimacy of new measures to ensure that all DCPS and DC Charter students have access to quality education opportunities. Moreover, the effort will allow 'right-sizing' for DC schools, which means having the right number of effective schools for the right number of students.
- The initiative will include community-wide conversations in several different wards of the City. The 'Community Conversations' will bring together a diverse representation of parents, teachers, school administrators, community residents, elected and appointed officials, and various organizations – to identify, discuss and move to action around ways that will improve access and quality of education for DC School Students.
- Additionally, this effort will explore the 'middle space' between DC Public and DC Charter Schools and promote the collaboration of everyone working across sectors, to support quality education for all DC Students.
- To carry out this initiative, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education is partnering with Public Agenda, a national non-profit, non-partisan research and public engagement organization. Please visit www.publicagenda.org to find out more about the organization.