GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2008-20
January 31, 2008

SUBJECT: Final Action on Reorganization and Rightsizing of District of Columbia Public Schools

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

On November 28, 2007, the Mayor and the Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) announced a proposed plan to close and/or consolidate school programs and buildings through a reorganization and rightsizing plan, pursuant to Title 5 (Board of Education), Section 3607 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations. In order to provide high-quality, innovative, and rigorous educational opportunities to all DCPS students, the DCPS school system must be reorganized to meet its current needs. Most DCPS schools are under-enrolled. The inefficiencies of managing the administration, staffing, and facilities in underutilized schools limit DCPS's ability to offer a full and comprehensive curriculum, programs, services, and opportunities for all of its students. By rightsizing the school system, either through closing, consolidating, or realigning schools and programs, DCPS will be able to offer parents and students rich, quality educational opportunities across the city. By more efficiently utilizing existing resources, the District can ensure that these resources and investments have the greatest impact on increasing student achievement.

Complete details of the proposal, including supporting criteria, findings, and recommendations, were posted online at http://www.k12.dc.us/rrr/rrr.htm and at http://edreform.dc.gov. The Chancellor held nine community dialogues throughout the District in December 2007 and January 2008 to explain and solicit input on the proposal. On January 17, 2008, 23 community meetings were held throughout the District to receive input and comment from the public on the proposal. An estimated 1,560 people attended the community dialogues and the community meetings. Notes of public comments were taken at each of the community dialogues and community meetings. Such notes have been reviewed by the Chancellor and Deputy Mayor for Education. The Mayor has been fully briefed on the community dialogues and community meetings. The Chancellor attended the entirety of a 14-hour District of Columbia Council hearing on the proposal on January 14, 2008 and heard all testimony presented at that hearing. In addition, the Mayor, the Chancellor, and the Deputy Mayor have received and reviewed numerous individual comments submitted by mail and/or e-mail.

After careful consideration, and after consultation with the Chancellor and Deputy Mayor, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(6) and (11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act of 1973, as amended, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. 93-198, D.C. Official Code sec. 1-204.22(6) and (11) (2007 Supp.), and Title I of the Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007 (the "Reform Act"), effective June 12, 2007, D.C. Law 17-9, D.C. Official Code sec. 38-171 *et seq.* (2007 Supp.), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. **FINAL ACTION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE AND/OR CONSOLIDATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND BUILDINGS:** The following District of Columbia Public Schools and programs shall be closed and/or consolidated as of the end of the 2007-2008 school year, unless a later year is listed.

Elementary School Programs		
Bowen Elementary School	Gibbs Elementary School	Slowe Elementary School
Bunker Hill Elementary School (program consolidation in 2008 with Brookland Elementary School at Bunker Hill site; Bunker Hill building closure in 2010 after Brookland modernization)	Green Elementary School (program consolidation in 2008 with Turner Elementary School at Green site; Green building closure in 2010 after Turner modernization)	Stevens Elementary School
Clark Elementary School	P.R. Harris Educational Center	Wilkinson Elementary School (program consolidation in 2008 with Moten Elementary School at Wilkinson site; Wilkinson building closure in 2010 after Moten modernization)
J. F. Cook Elementary School	Meyer Elementary School	Young Elementary School
Gage-Eckington Elementary School	Rudolph Elementary School	
Middle and Senior High School Programs		
Backus Middle School	Hine Middle School	M.M. Washington Senior High School
Special Education and Alternative Education Programs		
Douglass Transition Academy	M.M. Washington Special Education Center	CHOICE Academies (Taft Middle School and Douglass High School program consolidation at new site)

2. **SUBDELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**: The Mayor hereby delegates to Chancellor Michelle Rhee authority to take such further action as shall be necessary to implement this Order.

3. **EFFECT**: This Mayor's Order supersedes all previous Mayors' Orders to the extent of any inconsistency therein.

4. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order shall be effective January 31, 2008.

ADRIAN M. FENTY
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
STEPHANIE D. SCOTT
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA