

What We Heard from You: Educational Facilities

Provide educational facilities that inspire excellence in learning, create a safe and healthy environment for students, and help each individual achieve their fullest potential.

Public Comment

- Deliver excellent education to all children in the District, regardless of race, income, or geographic location.
- Ensure adequate funding for public school modernization and construction.
- Address school overcrowding.
- Enhance K-12 educational pathways providing District residents with access to quality post-secondary education and job opportunities.
- Provide a wide range of learning opportunities, including STEM education and vocational training.
- Leverage school facilities as community assets, including through shared use agreements for civic gathering, cultural, recreational, community gardening, and/or urban farming uses.

Agency Input

- Deliver learning opportunities addressing a person’s entire lifespan—from infancy to older age.
- Fund and complete modernization of all District of Columbia Public Schools facilities.
- Address spatial mismatches between population growth and school capacity, including by using information from the *DC Public Education Master Facilities Plan 2018*.
- Explore co-location, shared use, and reuse strategies for public school facilities to help meet District needs.
- Expand footprint of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) across city to increase access for students from all eight Wards, advancing goals of *The Equity Imperative: 2019-2022 UDC Strategic Plan*.
- Leverage the vital role that universities can play as catalysts for development of new neighborhoods as well as their core role as educators and knowledge hubs.
- Address the need for additional child care and development facilities in the District.

Priorities that Will Shape our City

Advance Educational Equity	Ensure Educational Excellence	Complete Modernization of Schools	Strengthen Workforce Development
Support Universities as Partners	Retain Public Asset Ownership	Explore Shared Uses	Expand Childcare Availability