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ANNOUNCE A JOINT PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING

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Updates to the Master Facilities Plan

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Wednesday, December 18, 2019 2:30 p.m., Hearing Room 412, John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson, and Councilmember David Grosso, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, announce a joint public oversight hearing of the Committee of the Whole and the Committee on Education on updates to the District's public education Master Facilities Plan. The oversight hearing will be held at **2:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, December 18, 2019** in **Room 412** of the John A. Wilson Building.

The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony from the government and expert witnesses regarding the Executive's intention to provide a public education master facilities plan (MFP). The MFP, required by D.C. Code 38-2803, is intended to be a comprehensive analysis of facilities and population trends that provides school leaders and the public with a 10-year plan for public schools. The MFP, which requires Council approval, is supposed to address issues such as current and projected overcrowding, under-enrollment, facility modernization, and facility needs for public charter schools. A draft MFP was submitted to Council earlier this year (PR 23-193) but it was disapproved by the Council because it insufficiently addressed these issues. The law requires an MFP beginning on December 15, 2017 and every 10 years thereafter, but currently the District does not have one that has been approved.

Testimony at this hearing will be limited to invited witnesses. For more information about testifying, email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or call LeKisha Jordan, Legislative Policy Advisor at (202) 724-8137. Witnesses are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. Witnesses should limit their testimony to five minutes. Hearing materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed 24 hours in advance of the hearing at http://chairmanmendelson.com/circulation,.

If you are unable to testify, written statements will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted by email to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 3, 2020.