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Chairman Phil Mendelson

at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare the existence of an emergency to adjust, on an emergency basis, certain allocations in the Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act of 2020 to maintain a balanced budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 and to amend the deadline for the annual advance payment to schools.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Fiscal Year 2021 Revised Local Budget Advance School Payment Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act of 2020, effective October 20, 2020 (D.C. Law 23-136; 67 DCR 13201) requires advance payments to District of Columbia Public Schools and District of Columbia Public Charter School Charter schools on July 1, 2021 based on certain percentages of the total amount of appropriated local funds in the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget as adopted by the District of Columbia.

(b) Due to the delay in the transmission of the Fiscal Year 2022 Local Budget Act of 2021 because the ongoing public health emergency, the measure is scheduled for its second and final reading on August 3, 2021, which would prevent the Mayor from making the advance school payments as prescribed.

(c) There is an immediate need for public schools and public charter schools to have sufficient funding to prepare for the new school year.

(d) The Fiscal Year 2022 Local Budget Act of 2021 is scheduled for its first reading on July 20, 2021, which will provide the local appropriations for public schools and public charter schools. If the Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act of 2020 is amended to determine the amount of the advance payments based on local appropriations as approved on first reading and to change the date of the advance payment from July 1st to July 20th, the payments could be provided in a timely manner to support the educational needs of District students.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Fiscal Year 2021 Revised Local Budget Advance School Payment Emergency Act of 2021 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.