



**MURIEL BOWSER**  
**MAYOR**

June 7, 2021

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration by the Council of the District of Columbia is legislation entitled the "Wilkinson School Disposition Authorization Emergency Act of 2021" and the accompanying "Wilkinson School Disposition Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021", "Wilkinson School Disposition Temporary Act of 2021" and the "Wilkinson School Disposition Act of 2021." The legislation authorizes the Mayor to dispose of real property located at 2330 Pomeroy Road, S.E., Washington, DC, commonly known as the Wilkinson School and known for tax and assessment purposes as Square 5828, Lot 0806 (the "Property"), to D.C. Preparatory Academy, a District of Columbia non-profit, pursuant to a 25-year lease, with a 25-year extension option.

The Property is located in Ward 8, in Southeast DC. The land area of the Property is approximately 4.21 acres. The Property is improved with a building consisting of approximately 138,578 square feet of gross building area. The Property was last used as a public school in approximately 2009 and has been used as temporary location for the Department of Employment Services' DC Infrastructure Academy since 2018. On March 31, 2021, a combined surplus and disposition hearing was held virtually.

I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the proposed Act. If you have any questions regarding this legislation, please contact Keith A. Anderson, Director, Department of General Services, at (202) 727-2800.

Sincerely,

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Muriel Bowser

Enclosure



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

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7 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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16 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to authorize the  
17 disposition of District-owned real property located at 2330 Pomeroy Road, S.E. in  
18 Washington, D.C., commonly known as the Wilkinson School, and known for tax  
19 and assessment purposes as Square 5828, Lot 0806.  
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21 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That  
22 this resolution may be cited as the “Wilkinson School Disposition Authorization  
23 Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”.

24 Sec. 2.(a) There exists an immediate need to lease the District-owned real  
25 property located at 2330 Pomeroy Road, S.E. in Washington, D.C., commonly known as  
26 the Wilkinson School, and known for tax and assessment purposes as Square 5828, Lot  
27 0806 (the “Property”).

28 (b) D.C. Preparatory Academy (“DC Prep”), a District of Columbia non-profit  
29 corporation, is a District of Columbia public charter school that serves more than 2,100  
30 PK3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at campuses in Wards 5, 7, and 8.

31 (c) DC Prep’s Ward 8 middle school currently shares space at the Birney  
32 Elementary School (“Birney”). DC Prep’s lease will expire at Birney, and DC Prep must  
33 vacate Birney, in 2022. If DC Prep is not able to occupy the Property in 2022, the 224

1 DC Prep students slated to attend school at the Property in 2022, three-quarters of whom  
2 live in Ward 8, will be displaced with no alternative DC Prep school facility. The  
3 teachers and staff at DC Prep’s Ward 8 middle school, the majority of whom are DC  
4 residents, would be similarly displaced.

5 (d) DC Prep’s move to the Property will produce over 125 construction jobs and  
6 add approximately 40 new permanent jobs and will ultimately accommodate the  
7 educational needs of over 700 District families by 2025. However, this is contingent on  
8 the Property being open for students for the 2022–23 school year. For that to happen DC  
9 Prep must begin the construction process at the Property by October 2021.

10 (e) As such, emergency legislation is necessary to authorize the disposition of the  
11 Property to DC Prep to meet that timeframe.

12 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the  
13 circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it  
14 necessary that the “Wilkinson School Disposition Approval Emergency Declaration  
15 Resolution of 2021” be adopted after a single reading.

16 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.