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CHAIRMAN MENDELSON'S STATEMENT REGARDING RESIGNATION OF DCPS CHANCELLOR WILSON

WASHINGTON, DC -- Chairman Phil Mendelson issued the following statement regarding today's announced resignation of DC Public Schools Chancellor Antwan Wilson:

"I support today's resignation of the DC Schools Chancellor. This morning I hosted a meeting between myself, the Mayor, and Education Committee Chair David Grosso in order to come to a consensus on the best way forward for our school system. The resignation of the chancellor is that way.

"I am highly disappointed that our progress in public education has come to this point, and Mr. Wilson's decision to skirt the system is indefensible. The challenge – our challenge – is to overcome this moment, and recent scandals over attendance and graduation. Our students are our future and we owe it to them the American opportunity: a quality education.

"I have been an outspoken champion for DCPS for decades and will continue to do so as we work with the interim schools' chancellor to make sure the education of the students of the District of Columbia remain our number one priority."