

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
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1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

**Bill 25-540, School Improvement Amendment Act of 2023**

on

**Monday, November 20, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Hearing Room 412 (Track B)  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
DC Council Website ([www.dccouncil.gov](http://www.dccouncil.gov))**

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| 1. Jessica Giles      | Executive Director, Education Reform Now              |
| 2. John Glover        | Friendship Public Charter Schools                     |
| 3. Rachel Johnston    | Chief of Staff, DC Charter School Alliance            |
| 4. Karley Sessoms     | Public Witness  |
| 5. Donna Geist        | Vice President of Strategic Partnerships,<br>Cognia   |
| 6. Sheila Carson-Carr | Decoding Dyslexia DC                                  |
| 7. Chelsea Coffin     | DC Policy Center                                      |
| 8. Allister Chang     | Ward 2 Representative, DC State Board of<br>Education |
| 9. Robert Henderson   | Ward 5 Representative, DC State Board of<br>Education |
| 10. Cathy Reilly      | Executive Director, S.H.A.P.P.E                       |
| 11. Scott Goldstein   | Executive Director, EmpowerED                         |
| 12. Aderonke Balogun  | Public Witness  |

13. Jacqueline Pogue Lyons

President, Washington Teachers Union

GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

1. Dr. Michelle Walker-Davis

Executive Director, District of Columbia  
Public Charter School Board

2. Dr. Christina Grant

State Superintendent, Office of the State  
Superintendent (OSSE)