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**RESOLUTION REGARDING OVERCROWDING IN SCHOOLS IN THE WILSON HIGH SCHOOL
FEEDER PATTERN – NEW SCHOOLS AND RETURN OF THE HARDY SCHOOL**

Whereas, according to the Community Working Group on Overcrowding (CWG) nearly all the schools in the Wilson High School feeder pattern are currently at or above capacity, with eight of fifteen schools at or well above 100 percent of their capacities;

Whereas, this overcrowding is affecting the educational experience of its students, with common spaces such as gyms, outdoor play space, hallways, and exits are stressed by overcrowding, specials and pre-kindergarten classrooms converted to other uses, and the most vulnerable students acutely affected because of a lack of space to address their needs;

Whereas, maintaining and supporting diversity within the feeder pattern is important, and limited capacity constrains the ability of a diverse group of students to attend Wilson feeder schools;

Whereas, according to a variety of projections of future enrollment, overcrowding will get much worse in coming years, with the DC Office of Planning predicting a rise of a roughly 20 percent increase in elementary and middle school-aged children and a nearly 10 percent increase in high school-aged children over 2015-2025;

Whereas, the DC Auditor has confirmed a sizable enrollment rise in an independent report;

Whereas, DC Public Schools (DCPS) and the Deputy Mayor for Education's (DME) office have agreed both that overcrowding is a problem and acknowledged that adding capacity is a necessary part of relieving the issue, including in both the recently released CWG report and the 2018 Master Facilities Plan;

Whereas, the old Hardy School is the only DCPS-owned property west of Rock Creek which is not currently being used for public education;

Whereas, increased capacity in the Wilson feeder pattern must be coupled with strengthening and improving schools across the city;

Whereas, the Community Working Group on Overcrowding also called for the need for both short-term solutions and policy changes to try to relieve overcrowding pressures;

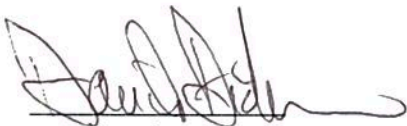
Now, therefore be it resolved, that ANC3F supports the recommendations outlined in the CWG Report, especially the need for new schools to be open in the Wilson High School feeder pattern;

Be it further resolved, that ANC3F supports DCPS and the DME engaging with the school communities affected to begin taking concrete steps to implement the recommendations in the CWG Report as soon as is feasible, and requests that DCPS and the DME provide a schedule and process for such engagement,

Be it further resolved, that ANC3F supports the serious study of the old Hardy School to use as a DCPS school when its current lease with the Lab School ends and recommends to the DC Council and the Mayor of the District of Columbia that no emergency action be taken to dispose or otherwise encumber the old Hardy School,

Be it further resolved, that Commissioner Dickinson and Commissioner Frelinghuysen are authorized to speak on behalf of ANC3F on this matter.

ANC3F PASSED this resolution at its meeting on March 19, 2019, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.



David Dickinson
Chair, ANC3F