

Budget Oversight Hearing

Testimony of

Good morning, Chairman Mendelson and Committee of the Whole. My name is Dr. Lewis D. Ferebee, and I have the honor of serving as Chancellor of DC Public Schools (DCPS). Thank you for the opportunity to come before the Council

In addition, DCPS will utilize funds for additional construction and infrastructure projects that will have a transformative effect on our ability to provide a high-quality education to all our students, including:

- Cafeteria renovations for Plummer Elementary School in Ward 7, Hardy Middle School in Ward 2, and Coolidge High School in Ward 4;

- Dining and physical education space at the Kenilworth swing space in Ward 8;

- Upgrades to DCPS technology infrastructure within schools, including completing our refreshment of smart board technology systems in classrooms;

- \$6 million in upgrades and enhancements to school life safety hardware, including interior keys; and

- Investing \$30 million in the development and support of swing spaces district wide, which will allow us to remain on track with ongoing modernization work.

Coordinated Central Services

In closing, I would like to share just a few examples of the critical services our Central Services team provides. Every day, o