

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET: GROW DC

Investing in Our Schools

The District's public schools continue to see improvements in both student performance and enrollment, and **DC remains the fastest-improving urban school district in the nation**. To protect that progress, 20% of the Mayor's FY26 Capital Budget is dedicated to DC Public Schools.



- **\$2.8 billion**, a \$123 million increase from FY25, to support more than 101,000 DC Public School (DCPS) and DC Public Charter School (DCPCS) students
- **\$270 million** to support pay raises for DCPS and DCPCS teachers
- **\$2 billion** for 30 school modernizations
- **\$148 million** for small capital improvements at schools such as HVAC and window replacements and athletic field improvements
- **\$10.7 million** to replace and modernize technology equipment and upgrade IT infrastructure
- **\$3 million** to continue High Impact Tutoring
- **\$25 million** to demolish Building 41 and begin planning and design for new student housing for the University of the District of Columbia
- **Full funding** for core childcare programs including the childcare subsidy, PKEEP, and the pay equity fund