

# MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER'S FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



## ACADEMIC ACCELERATION

Providing a fair shot and the opportunity to excel in our city starts by ensuring every student has access to high-quality care and education from birth to adulthood. Mayor Bowser's bold and sustained investments in the District's public school system has positioned the District as the fastest improving urban school district in the country, all while providing students and families with beautiful and safe spaces to learn, play, and grow.

The pandemic has left an indelible mark on student learning and social emotional development. While the everyday heroes in our schools have risen to the occasion, the swift shift to virtual learning has resulted in learning loss and social isolation and exacerbated educational inequities that previously existed. As we look to the summer and a full return to in-person learning for the fall, we will meet this unprecedented moment head-on with a comprehensive plan to support the whole child.



## INVESTMENTS

- A **3.6-percent** increase in the foundation level of the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula, plus increased weights for English Language Learners and At-Risk Students
- **\$8M** to expand school-based mental health services to all remaining DC Public and DC Public Charter Schools
- **\$10M** in additional grants to charter schools to assist with reopening fully in-person for School Year 2021-2022
- **\$41M** over four years for high-impact tutoring, an evidence-based approach to accelerating student learning post-pandemic
- **\$13M** to provide more DC residents access to affordable bachelors and associates degrees
- **\$11.5M** to provide students with critical work-based learning experiences to prepare them for high-demand careers through the expansion of school-year internships and the launch of an Advanced Technical Center, which will serve as a regional hub of CTE programming and innovation
- **\$5.6M** to increase access to summer programming with academic enrichment
- **\$1.57B** over six years for school modernizations, small capital projects, and school expansions to address overcrowding, and to accelerate Truesdell and Whittier elementary schools
- **\$26.5M** to provide laptops, tablets, or smartphones to seniors, youth exiting foster care, families enrolled in TANF, and returning citizens.

**\$420M over the next six years to improve parks, recreation facilities, and libraries.**

The Mayor's FY22 budget funds improvements to the Chevy Chase, Deanwood, Shepherd Park, Northwest One, and Rosedale libraries, completing the modernization of all current District library locations.

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