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## RESOLUTION REGARDING the Budget at Murch Elementary School April 18, 2023

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions were created to "advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency with respect to all proposed matters of District government policy," including education; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) is "to ensure that every student attends a great school, and that every school meets high standards in all areas that affect student achievement"

WHEREAS, ANC 3F recognizes that the success of all DCPS neighborhood schools are critical to the future of our neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, Benjamin W. Murch Elementary School's enrollment has increased by 48 students since the start of the school year (from 622 to 670), the equivalent of more than two whole classes, an unexpected enrollment growth this year.

WHEREAS, The Washington Teachers Union contract states that "maximum class size shall not exceed 20 for Kindergarten through Grade 2."

WHEREAS, Murch Grade Two classrooms in 2023-24 will include more than 28 students, and Grade One will have more than 25, not including students who will arrive after the beginning of the school year.

WHEREAS, Murch is a diverse and growing school including English Language Learners, historically underserved students, students with COVID learning loss, and others requiring additional supports.

WHEREAS, Murch's diversity and its reputation for academic excellence is the reason why many families have moved to ANC 3F neighborhood in Washington DC.

WHEREAS, to address overcrowding and support all Murch students, the school is requesting funding to provide early learners additional educators to support their needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 3F urges the Council to allocate an additional \$230,324 for the 2023-24 school year to support Murch Elementary School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that	Commissioner Ca	rlson is authorized to	speak on behalf of	of ANC
3F regarding this matter.				

ANC 3F  $\_$  **passed** \_ this resolution at its meeting on April 18, 2023 which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of  $\_$  **6**\_ in favor,  $\_$  **0**\_ opposed, and  $\_$  **0**\_ abstaining.

Claudette David Chair, ANC 3F

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