

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

**Survey on DC's STAR school rating**  
**Vaxx sites for 5-11 year-olds!**  
**Last chance to weigh in on Wilson High School name!**  
**DCPS Budget Hearing**  
**Calendar:W3EdNet--Monday, Nov 8, 7PM**

*Please circulate. Contact me at [ruth4schools@yahoo.com](mailto:ruth4schools@yahoo.com), [@ruth4schools](https://www.instagram.com/ruth4schools).*

Oct 31, 2021

**Calendar Events: *W3EdNet-Monday, Nov 8, 7PM***

The next meeting of the **Ward 3 - Wilson Feeder Education Network (W3EdNet)** is on Monday, November 8 at 7pm via Zoom (link below). We are very happy to host DC Public Schools Deputy Chancellor Melissa Kim and Social Studies Director Scott Abbott.

- This will be an opportunity to ask Deputy Chancellor Kim about such topics as COVID and schools (testing, outdoor lunches and education, vaccinations, virtual learning), overcrowding in schools and the recent community working group, and the upcoming budget cycle.
- Director Abbott will be talking with us about the new DCPS curriculum and instructional approach for elementary social studies and math.

[Register in advance for this meeting here.](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

***What's your view on whether DC should rate***

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

## ***Take the State Board of Education's [survey on DC's school quality rating](#)...***

DC's public schools are rated annually (except during the pandemic, when Parcc tests, a key ingredient of the rating, aren't been given!) with 1-5 STARs. Are you familiar with it? Do you use it? Does it rate what's important to you?

Last year, the State Board of Education (SBOE), after hearing from experts and community members and conducting its own research, the SBOE adopted an [interim report](#) outlining what it learned and a [resolution](#) that identified three major concerns with the rating:

\*\* It "produces ratings that are systematically lower for schools that enroll larger proportions of students designated at-risk — and that these lower ratings do not necessarily reflect lower quality education."

\*\* Under our current system, a low rating does not clarify the schools deeds and leaves all but a few schools "without the state support they need to provide the stronger education their students need."

\*\*Recognizing that the rating may place excessive weight on test scores, "We may want to provide a broader view of school quality by expanding the range of STAR indicators included in our current rating."

As a result of these concerns, the SBOE is now preparing recommendations for improving how the District reports on school quality. Please let us know what you think. Is it important to have rating--or is transparent information on school quality and performance what you need? Either way, what are the elements of school quality that you are most interested in knowing about?

[Click here to take the survey!](#)



[bit.ly/3n2iuk8](https://bit.ly/3n2iuk8)



**Last day: Monday, 11/8 by 5pm**

***Where to get your 5-11 year-old vaccinated:***

**Where to get your 5-11 year old vaxxed:**

Subscribe

Past Issues

Translate ▼

for children 5-11 years old. Community groups may request pop-ups through [vaccineexchange.dc.gov](https://vaccineexchange.dc.gov) [[coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov)] which helps connect the community to local vaccine providers.

Location	Address	Ward	1st Dose Date
Bancroft Elementary School	1755 Newton St NW	1	11/9
Marie Reed Elementary School	2201 18th St NW	1	11/12
Edlavitch DCJCC	1529 16th St, NW	2	11/7
Garrison Elementary School	1200 S St NW	2	11/17
Thomson Elementary School	1200 L St NW	2	11/12
Ben Murch Elementary School	4810 36th St NW	3	11/13
Janney Elementary School	4130 Albemarle St NW	3	11/19
Palisades Recreation Center	5200 Sherier PI NW	3	11/16
Center City Public Charter School - Brightwood Campus	6008 Georgia Ave NW	4	11/9
Dorothy I. Height Elementary School	1300 Allison St NW	4	11/8
E.L. Haynes PCS	4501 Kansas Ave NW	4	11/18
Lafayette Elementary School	5701 Broad Branch Rd NW	4	11/19
Whittier Elementary School	6201 5th St NW	4	11/20
Bunker Hill Elementary School	1401 Michigan Ave NE	5	11/18
Center City Public Charter	1217 West Virginia Ave	5	11/17

Subscribe	Past Issues		Translate ▼
	DC Bilingual PCS	33 Riggs Road NE	5 11/20
	Noyes Elementary School	2725 10th St NE	5 11/8
	Kennedy Recreation Center	1401 7th St NW	6 11/10
	KIPP DC – Lead Academy PCS	421 P St NW	6 11/16
	Payne Elementary School	1445 C St SE	6 11/13
	Friendship Blow Pierce Elementary & Middle	725 19th St. NE	7 11/12
	Kimball Elementary School	3375 Minnesota Ave SE	7 11/9
	Plummer Elementary School	4601 Texas Ave SE	7 11/17
	Smothers Elementary School	1300 44th St NE	7 11/13
	Thomas Elementary School	650 Anacostia Ave NE	7 11/19
	Center City PCS: Congress Heights	220 Highview Pl SE	8 11/18
	Excel Academy Public School	2501 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE	8 11/16
	Ingenuity Prep Public Charter School/Statesman Academy	4600 Livingston Rd SE	8 11/8
	KIPP DC Heights Academy	2600 Douglass Rd SE	8 11/10
	Patterson Elementary School	4399 South Capitol Terrace SW	8 11/10
	Turner Elementary School	3264 Stanton Rd SE	8 11/20

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

## Last chance to weigh in on renaming Wilson High School!

As many of you know, the DC Council voted last year to change the name of Woodrow Wilson High School. The name change process called for a [community survey](#) to inform the subsequent process, followed by a proposal for a new name from the Mayor, followed by a vote by the DC Council. Last December, the survey was conducted, and a plurality of those participating favored "August Wilson" for the new name--after the great African-American playwright. The Mayor followed with a formal proposal to rename the school "August Wilson High School." **The DC Council has now proposed to rename the school Jackson Reed**, after the high school's first African-American teacher and Vincent Reed, the school's first African-American principal who then became the superintendent of DC Public Schools. The council held a hearing two weeks ago on the name and will hold another one this coming Thursday. **To see the testimony from earlier this month, [click here](#).**

***If you want to weigh in on the name, you may:***

\*\*\*[testify virtually](#) on November 4, click [here](#) to register. ***The deadline for registering to testify is Tuesday, November 2.***

\*\*\*[submit written testimony here](#).

\*\*\*[email Councilmembers at these addresses](#):

pmendelson@dccouncil.us, chenderson@dccouncil.us, rwhite@dccouncil.us,  
abonds@dccouncil.us, esilverman@dccouncil.us, bnadeau@dccouncil.us,  
bpinto@dccouncil.us, mcheh@dccouncil.us, jlewisgeorge@dccouncil.us,  
kmcduffie@dccouncil.us, CAllen@dccouncil.us, vgray@dccouncil.us,  
twhite@dccouncil.us

## DCPS Budget Hearing

# REGISTER TODAY

Members of the public are invited to provide testimony at the hearing.

Individuals or groups wishing to testify should register here. Testimony will be

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)

information, by email to [dcps.schoolfunding@k12.dc.gov](mailto:dcps.schoolfunding@k12.dc.gov). All documents will be included as part of the official record.

The registration deadline is **5:00PM on Friday, November 5, 2021**. If an individual or group is unable to register online, please email [dcps.schoolfunding@k12.dc.gov](mailto:dcps.schoolfunding@k12.dc.gov). The official record of this hearing will be transmitted to the Mayor and Council of the District of Columbia pursuant to DC Official Code § 38-917(1). The DCPS FY23 Public Budget Hearing can be viewed live on [YouTube](#).

[To Register, click here.](#)

## Keep in touch

*As always, if you have thoughts on the above or other suggestions, feel free to email me, [ruth4schools@yahoo.com](mailto:ruth4schools@yahoo.com).*

***Please Circulate...on your school websites and in other forums...***

*Please follow me @[ruth4schools](#) for the most up to date news!*



Share this newsletter

**Subscribe**

**Past Issues**

**Translate** ▼



Share



Tweet



Forward

---

This email was sent to <<Email Address>>

[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

Ruth4schools · 4129 Harrison St. NW · Washington, DC 20015 · USA