

DCPS STRATEGIC PLAN

El Comité de Familias Latinas de DCPS was developed to create a space where Spanish-speaking parents can share their experiences, perspectives, and opinions on a variety of topics related to DCPS and the education of their children.

Committee members are recent or first-generation immigrants. The meetings are conducted entirely in Spanish and seek to include the diverse Latino culture that is part of DCPS' student and family population. This meeting occurred on September 20, 2022, at Garrison Elementary School.

Summary of Feedback:

The Family and Community Engagement team used this opportunity to gather information from Spanish-speaking families regarding DCPS' strategic plan.

Themes that came up during the conversation include:

- Creating school communities that are welcoming to all cultures and ethnic backgrounds
- Ensure Families receive information in their home language
- Hire more bilingual (English/Spanish and English/Amharic) staff at schools throughout the District
- Support parent or affinity group events for families to build relationships with one another
- Ensure safety at schools and safe passage- gang related, gun violence, COVID-19, etc.
- Provide professional development trainings for school staff regarding cultural competency, socioemotional skills, and bullying prevention
- Promote the expansion of extra-curricular activities and after school care, free cultural and sports programs
- Encourage more professional development for teachers working with students with special needs
- Provide more information on how to report discrimination or languages access complaints
- Improve school meals; provide more vegetable and fruit options
- Conduct comprehensive needs assessment at schools

Schools Represented

- Bruce-Monroe Elementary School
- Columbia Height Education Campus (CHEC)
- Garrison Elementary School
- HD Cooke Elementary School
- Jackson Reed High School
- Oyster-Adams Bilingual School
- School Without Walls at Francis Stevens

Attendance Breakdown

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Attendees (From Event Sign-In)

Community Member	N/A
Community Organization Rep	N/A
DCPS Principal/ Superintendent/ Leadership	1
DCPS Staff	4
Elected office (ANC, Mayor's Office, State Board, DC Council)	N/A
Parent/ Caregiver	12
Student	10
Teacher	N/A