



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 18, 2023

Dear Parents and Families,

At DC Public Schools (DCPS), providing timely communication around facility and operations updates is part of maintaining strong partnerships with families. This letter provides information regarding the annual switchover from cooling to heating at our school buildings.

Earlier this week, the Department of General Services (DGS) began to switch over DCPS building HVAC systems from cooling to heating. **This process occurs on a rolling basis throughout the District and lasts 30-45 days.**

In the event of unseasonably warm or cold temperatures, before the switchover for your school building is complete, the DCPS Facilities and Operations Teams will work with school maintenance staff to implement temporary solutions wherever possible.

Please see the attached one-pager from DGS for additional context on the annual switchover process and best practices for managing comfortable building temperatures. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the process.

Sincerely,

Ely Ross
Chief Operating Officer
DC Public Schools