

## An Exercise to Inquire and Clarify: What is DC Citizen Vision for Public Education?

| Purpose of Public Schools                             | Educate children and youth so they are informed enough to participate in civil society and a democratic system of government | Prepare young people to participate in the global, national and local economy   | Prepare your child for college or career   |
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| <b>Who should be responsible?</b>                     | Citizens   | Business interests  | Parents  |
| <b>Who should govern?</b>                             | Public sector  | Business sector   | Parents  |
| <b>Who should pay?</b>                                | Citizen taxpayers  | Business and corporate taxpayers  | Parents  |
| <b>How should public schools be organized?</b>        | Educational system to ensure some shared values and building of democratic culture   | Flexibly so they can respond to changing needs of business sector.  | For maximum access and choice  |
| <b>What rights of access should students have?</b>    | Equal access to adequately resourced, high quality school inputs...teachers, admin, books, technology, facilities            | Access to adequate time, and second chances to gain knowledge and skills.   | Predictable, responsive, right to adequate schools within a travel distance that is walkable or for secondary students via public transportation without transfer. |
| <b>Who should operate public schools?</b>             | Public sector  | Business sector   | Should be able to choose   |
| <b>What should public schools be accountable for?</b> | Equity, efficiency, quality of inputs and outcomes for students and for community.   | Employability of students.  | Preparation for jobs, post secondary education, and civic roles in community.  |
| <b>Who should hold them accountable?</b>              | Elected officials  | Elected officials   | Elected officials  |
| <b>How should schools be operated?</b>                | School System  | School System   | System of Schools  |
| <b>Where should schools be located?</b>               | Throughout the city, equitably located, with access to buildings and grounds for wider public use.                           | Wherever they can be most efficiently developed and accessible to students internships and work related opportunities | Throughout the city at walkable distances.   |