



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
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November 11, 2017

The Honorable Muriel Bowser  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

RE: ANC6A support for Miner Elementary Outdoor Campus Improvements

Dear Mayor Bowser:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on November 9, 2017,<sup>1</sup> our Commission voted 8-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to write you to request funding to renovate the outdoor learning and play spaces at Miner Elementary.

Our neighborhood has witnessed the positive benefits of investments in outdoor learning and play spaces and particularly appreciates the role you played funding the most recent success story in Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School's new playground. We believe thriving neighborhood schools are an important component of thriving communities and safe, quality outdoor learning/play spaces are essential to ensuring a neighborhood school can thrive.

The Commission believes the outdoor campus of Miner has the potential to be transformed into an innovative learning resource to enhance indoor classroom teaching. A brief walking tour of the campus provides evidence of the need for updated structures and a more cohesive design to better utilize the property. We support Miner advocacy to update its playgrounds to ensure students have access to safe, undamaged and upgraded play spaces. The PTO's engagement of outside partners, including Playworks, OSSE/Cultivate the City DDOE's RiverSmart Schools, and our ANC6A grants program, demonstrates its dedication to ensure a comprehensive and cohesive approach to the needed improvements.

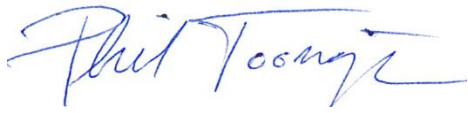
Miner's outdoor campus has experienced unfortunate acts of vandalism during non-school hours, impacting students' access to facilities during the school day. We applaud your efforts to improve security systems and expect that a renovated playspace would come with improved fencing and security that will help ensure it remains available to children year round.

ANC6A is proud of the work accomplished to date at our neighborhood schools to provide safe, engaging outdoor learning spaces. We look forward to working with you to expedite improvement to the Miner Elementary outdoor campus.

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On behalf of the Commission,



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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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