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Dr. Presswood and Ms. Kinsler:

We are writing in regard to the proposed merger between Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School and the Hamilton Center. We would like to commend you both for taking the initiative and exploring creative ways to increase enrollment levels. Our Commission has not taken a position on the proposed merger. However, we have identified the following issues that we are hoping you might address:

- Does the merger require the mainstreaming of students with special needs;
- Will Ludlow-Taylor staff will be adequately trained;
- Is there sufficient classroom-quality spaces at Ludlow-Taylor for the proposed self-contained classrooms for Hamilton students;
- Have the immediate neighborhood's needs, including programs for 3-4 years olds and projected enrollment growth, been adequately considered;
- Whether the level of resources currently available to the schools will be maintained once they're merged; and
- Was community input (parent, teacher, student or neighbor) solicited in developing this proposal.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these issues. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Commissioner Marc Borbely (544-2447) or Commissioner Mfon Ibangha (547-1535).

On behalf of the Commission,

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Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Tommy Wells, District III Representative, DC Board of Education