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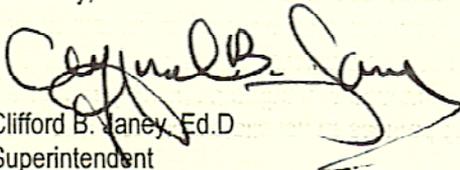
Mr. Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Dear Mr. Fengler:

This letter responds to your concerns regarding safety and security issues at the Maury Elementary School playground. The illegal activities you described in your letter clearly support the need for law enforcement intervention. The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) Division of School Security is coordinating with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) for assistance in monitoring the school property for suspicious and/or illegal activity. In response to our request, the school property has been placed on "special attention" and will be monitored on a regular basis by MPD. Also, the uniformed unit of the DCPS Division of School Security has been directed to increase patrols around the school and when required, request the assistance of MPD. If there are any additional concerns please feel free to contact Mr. Theodore C. Tuckson, Chief of School Security at (202) 576-6962.

As it relates to the installation of secured fencing and gates, the Office of Facilities Management investigated your concern and reports that there is approximately 320 linear feet of chain link fencing around Maury ES. The existing fencing is original to the building and in fair condition with no openings around the perimeter. Recent damage to a pole at the site caused by a trash vehicle was repaired, and a T-clamp that was missing near the entrance gate serving the play area was also addressed by the Grounds Unit within the Office of Facilities Management. Upon further investigation of the area, the Facilities Team reports that the current fencing provides appropriate gating required for both areas and does not require repair action at this time. If there are any additional concerns regarding these facilities issues, please feel free to contact Mr. Cornell S. Brown, Executive Director, Office of Facilities Management at (202) 576-7718.

Sincerely,


Clifford B. Janey, Ed.D.
Superintendent

cc: Peter Parham, Chief of Staff
Thomas Brady, Chief Business Operations Officer
Cornell S. Brown, Executive Director, Office of Facilities Management
Theodore Tuckson, Chief of School Security