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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A adopted a motion at its October 12 meeting<sup>1</sup> to:

- 1/. Express support for the transfer of Option's charter to a new operator. Under its current charter, we have had many experiences of bad management and inadequate security. We often expressed concern at the behavior of students moving to and from the school. They need better supervision than they have been getting. For example, the practice of holding students outside the school because they are tardy has been a recipe for neighborhood trouble.
  
- 2/. Urge that the school not be closed because of the adverse impact on the students since the school has vocational training that would not easily allow continuity in instruction if the students are transferred to a new school. Tossing the students out by cancelling the charter would be a disaster for these kids. They need schooling, training and care; they need to be kept in school to provide skills to support them in their adult life. The smoothest possible transition is necessary.
  
- 3/. Call for a transition to a new, larger and more easily controlled site. Vocational education requires large special purpose classrooms not easily available in this former elementary school. Middle and upper grade students need large outdoor facilities to provide healthy stress-relieving exercise. The school itself is too small for the number of students who need this type of instruction and supervision. Again these are not available at the current location. We hope these requirements will be kept in mind by this Board and any new operator.

Commissioners Hysell, Williams and Holmes are authorized to represent the ANC in this matter. I can be reached at [David.Holmes@ANC.DC.gov](mailto:David.Holmes@ANC.DC.gov).

For the Commission,

David Holmes  
Chair

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<sup>1</sup> This was the Commission's regularly scheduled public meeting with a quorum present. The meeting was publicized in the Hill Rag, on the Commission website, through notices posted on two Yahoogroups of wide Hill distribution, and through the Commission's email distribution list.