

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B**  
**GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS**



**Resolution In Support of Restoring Funding for Fillmore Arts Center  
to the D.C. Public Schools Budget**

Whereas, District of Columbia public school officials have proposed to eliminate funding for the Fillmore Arts Center program for school year 2016-17;

Whereas, Fillmore Arts Center provides a broad range of arts instruction to students from five separate D.C. public schools, including Stoddert Elementary School which serves students in ANC 3B;

Whereas, the largest share of funds needed to maintain the program at Fillmore Arts Center goes to pay arts teachers who would still be retained under the funding proposal, but would be working at individual schools that do not have adequate space or facilities for arts education rather than working as a team at a top quality center that the schools have happily invested in, used, and appreciated for over a decade;

Whereas, much of the savings that school officials are attempting to gain by eliminating funding for Fillmore could easily be achieved by shifting transportation responsibilities back to buses operated by the Office of State Superintendent of Education instead of the significantly more expensive private vendor the District has opted to use for the previous several years;

Whereas, eliminating funding for Fillmore would leave Stoddert with no arts instruction programming at a time when the school lacks both the space, staff and resources to establish a stand-alone program comparable to what most other DC public schools offer;

Whereas, even if Stoddert were able to establish a stand-alone arts program for school year 2016-17 at the last minute and without adequate proposed funding, such a program would never be able to offer the breadth and depth of arts instruction currently available to students through Fillmore;

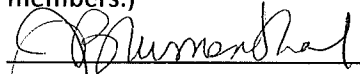
Whereas, arts instruction is proven to contribute to higher overall student achievement levels and the Fillmore program is a key reason many local families choose to send their children to Stoddert and other area schools and continue to support the city's public education system;

Whereas, eliminating funding for Fillmore would put Stoddert students at a severe disadvantage compared to students at most other DC public schools who currently receive arts instruction;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC3B strenuously urges District of Columbia public school officials to restore funding for the Fillmore Arts Center to the proposed DCPS budget for school year 2016-17, ensure consistent and appropriate levels of funding for the Fillmore program for future years, and seek more reasonable and affordable transportation options to get students to and from the arts center;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman or the Commissioner of ANC3B-05 or their designees are authorized to represent the Commission on this matter.

This Resolution was APPROVED by a vote of 4-0 at a duly noticed public meeting of ANC3B on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at which a quorum was present. (A quorum is 3 of the 4 sitting members.)

  
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Jackie Blumenthal, Chairman

  
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Ann Mladinov, Secretary