



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) – GWO

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Central Purpose

- The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) is responsible for developing and implementing the Mayor's vision for academic excellence and supporting the education-related District Government agencies in creating and maintaining a high quality education continuum from birth to 24 (from early childhood to K-12 to post-secondary and the workforce).

Key Facts

- In 2014, a number of initiatives were accomplished at DME including: the launch of the common lottery; the development and release of recommendations on new student assignment policies and school boundaries; the launch of the District's first Re-Engagement Center for disconnected youth; and the release and implementation of the DC Education Adequacy Study resulting in an updated uniform per student funding formula and the introduction of a new weight for students at risk of academic failure.

Goals/Performance Measures

- DME's key objectives include:
 - Increasing coordination across public school sectors so that the District can achieve optimal allocation and leveraging of public education assets and resources, resulting in increased cross-sector equity, access, and school quality.
 - Increasing collaboration across agencies and key stakeholders to

develop strategies to re-engage youth who are falling off track to graduation and who are currently disconnected.

- Improving kindergarten readiness within the District by emphasizing service quality, coordination, and collaboration.

Programs/Services

- The functions of the DME include overseeing a District-wide education strategy, managing interagency and cross-sector coordination targeted at supporting students and schools, and providing oversight or support for the following education agencies: Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), DC Public Schools (DCPS), Public Charter School Board (PCSB), University of the District of Columbia (UDC), and DC Public Library (DCPL).
- DME houses the common lottery, My School DC.
- Additional programs and services are described in the "key projects/initiatives" section of this report.

First Quarter CY2015 Hot Button Issue(s)

Common Lottery/My School DC:

- The application for school year 15-16 will launch on Monday, December 15. In the first quarter of 2015, the application will be live – collecting applications in all grades for Round 1 of the lottery. The grassroots outreach team will be focused on canvassing and visibility events to remind parents about the upcoming deadlines, and an advertising campaign should be in full force.

School Facilities:

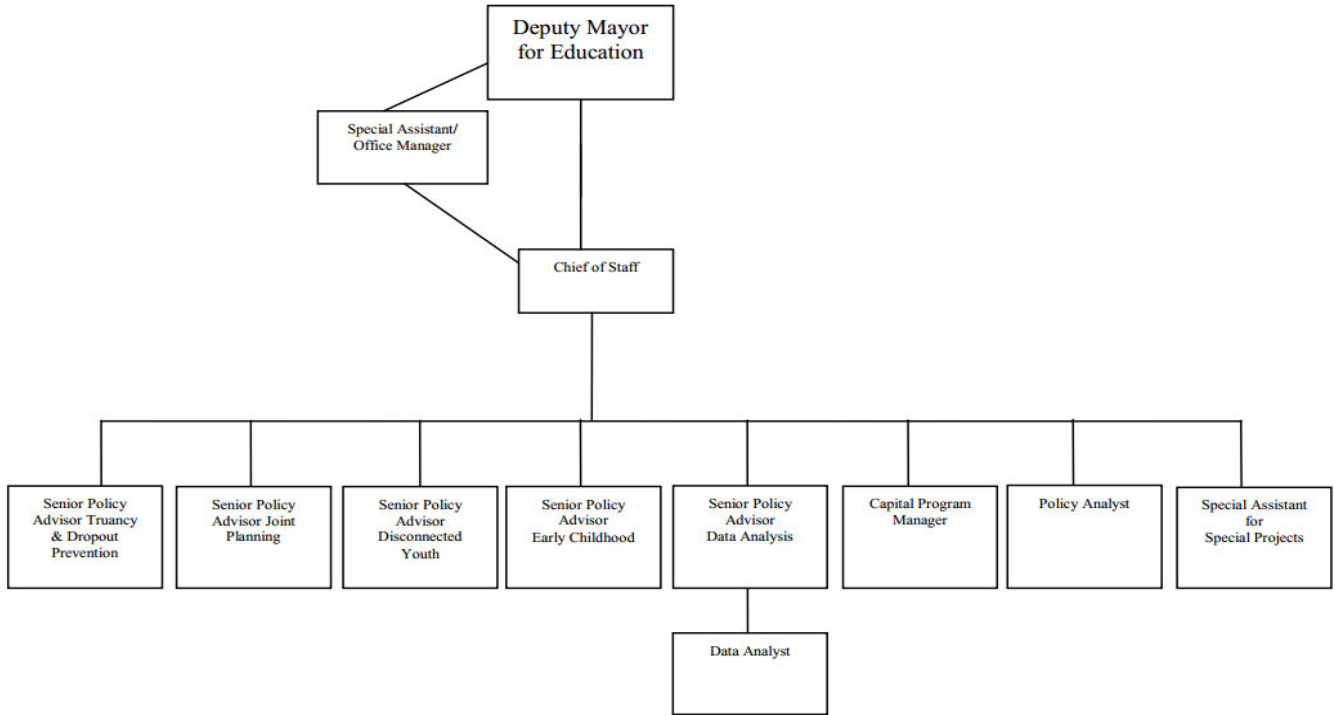
- DME has released a Request for Offers (RFO) on four excess school properties. In the first quarter of CY 2015, the DME will be working closely with DGS to get Council approval for the awardees of these sites.
- The DME must release another RFO by May 2015 if additional excess DCPS properties are identified pursuant to the update to the Master Facilities Plan that is due (by law) in December. The RFO's development and the work of the task force on cross-sector planning (which DME will launch in December of 2014- see below) will inform each other.

Task Force on Cross-Sector Planning:

- As stated above, in December of 2014, DME will launch a new task force on cross-sector planning with representatives from DCPS, public charter schools, and the community. New cross-sector data may be made available to the public for the first time by virtue of its use by the taskforce to analyze various issues.

Organization Chart

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education



Boards and Commissions relevant to the agency (if any)

Board Name	Name of Chairperson	No. of Members
Workforce Investment Council (DM is a member)	Mike Harreld	33
Adult Career Pathways Task Force (DM is a member)	Chairperson not yet named	13
DC Educational Opportunity for Military Children State Council	Mayor is Chairperson (DME staff act as Mayor's designee)	8

Budget FY2015

Total Budget	\$ 6,917,249
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No. of Employees

Current No. of FTEs	16
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Union Representation

Union(s)	Union Representative	No. of Members
N/A		

Facility Location(s)

Facility Name / ID	Address	Zip Code	Ward	Main Phone No.
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education Main Office	1350 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Suite 307	20004	2	(202) 727-3636

Key Projects/Initiatives

Project/Initiative Name	Brief Description	Delivery Date
My School DC (Common Lottery)	DME houses the common lottery for DCPS and public charter schools which launched in 2014. In 2015, My School DC will coordinate the development of a centralized waitlist system for schools participating in the common lottery.	May 2015
School Facilities	DME, working with the Department of General Services and DC Public Schools, coordinates the disposition and reuse of DCPS facilities and is responsible for updating the Master Facilities Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next RFO to be released if excess facilities identified Annual Supplement to the Master Facilities Plan 	May 2015 Dec. 2015
Task Force on Cross-Sector Planning	DME is assembling and will lead a task force to develop recommendations to the Mayor on methods, structures and processes that allow for better planning across education sectors. The task force will include representatives from local education agencies (LEAs), parents with students in DCPS and public charter schools, residents and community leaders. As a first step, DME will appoint members and define the charge of the task force.	Dec. 2014 (and ongoing)
Supply, Demand and Need (SDN) Dataset	DME is compiling and maintaining a supply, demand and need dataset for use as a planning tool to increase the number of high quality seats across public schools in the District.	ongoing

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School Funding/Budget Development	DME has developed an interactive modelling calculator based on the DC Education Adequacy Study for use in future updates to the uniform per student funding formula.	not applicable
Early Success Council	DME works with DMHHS to lead the Mayor's Early Success Council. This work involves ensuring accountability for making program, policy, financing and implementation decisions across all early care and education services for children from birth to age five.	ongoing
Implement the Graduation Pathways Project	Building on the 2014 Graduation Pathways Report, DME is funding technical assistance to support a group of DCPS and public charter schools to share, develop and implement best practices for improving high school graduation rates.	Sept. 2015
Re-Engagement Center Evaluation	DME is funding an external formative evaluation of the Re-Engagement Center's first year of operations.	Sept. 2015
Truancy Task Force	DME co-chairs and provides support to the Truancy Task Force and, in this capacity, will continue to support a coordinated effort across government agencies and community stakeholders to reduce truancy.	ongoing
Raise DC	DME will continue to coordinate District agency engagement in Raise DC (a public-private partnership that seeks to align citywide efforts around shared outcomes so that District youth can achieve success from cradle to career).	ongoing

Capital Program(s)

Project Name	Budget ID	Funding Source	Project Budget	Current Balance	Delivery Date
N/A					

Important/Significant Dates

Event	Brief Description	Delivery Date
Common Lottery	Round 1 deadline for high school (grades 9 – 12)/Round 2 opens	Feb. 2-3, 2015
	Round 1 deadline for PK3 – 8th grade/Round 2 opens	March 2-3, 2015
	Round 1 results released	March 27, 2015
	Round 2 deadline and results	Second quarter 2015
Secure D.C. Council approval of school property dispositions	DME has released an RFO on four excess school properties. In the first quarter of CY 2015, the DME will be working closely with DGS to get Council approval for the awardees of these sites.	First quarter of 2015
RFO on surplus school properties	Per DC Code § 38-1802.09, DME must release another Request for Offers on any excess school properties by May 2015.	May 2015
Annual Supplement to the Master Facilities Plan	DME must make public an annual supplement to the Master Facilities Plan	December 15, 2015
Truancy Task Force Meetings	The Deputy Mayor co-chairs the Truancy Task Force which meets quarterly.	March 2015 and quarterly thereafter

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Mayor's Early Success Council Meetings	The Deputy Mayor co-chairs the Council which meets at the discretion of the Chairpersons and at least monthly.	TBD
Raise DC Leadership Council Meetings	The Deputy Mayor is a member of the Raise DC Leadership Council which meets quarterly.	January 2015 and quarterly thereafter
Workforce Investment Council Meetings	The Deputy Mayor is a member of the Workforce Investment Council which meets quarterly.	January 2015 and quarterly thereafter
Adult Career Pathways Task Force Meetings	The Deputy Mayor is a member of the Adult Career Pathways Task Force. Their meeting schedule is not yet determined.	TBD
DC Career & Technical Education Working Group Meetings	The Deputy Mayor is a member of the DC Career & Technical Education Working Group which meets quarterly.	TBD
DC Educational Opportunity for Military Children State Council Meetings	The DME represents the Mayor on the DC Educational Opportunity for Military Children State Council. The Council meets three times a year at the discretion of the Chairperson.	TBD

Key Contracts

Project Name	Vendor Name	Total Contract Value	Contract Term
LEA Payment System Project Consulting	Augenblick, Palaich and Associates	\$30,000	August 2014 to December 2014

Key Agreement(s) / Memorandum(s) of Understanding

Project Name	Brief Description	Agreement Term
My School DC application	MOU between the Office of the Chief Technology Officer and DME for the design, development and enhancements to the My School DC application.	October 2014 to September 2015
My School DC Ed Fest	MOU between Events DC and DME for use of the DC Armory for Ed Fest, a citywide school fair taking place on November 22, 2015.	October 2014 to November 2014
EOM Support Services	DME enters into a MOU with EOM Support Services to provide transportation, delivery of mail and technical assistance for phones.	October 2014 to September 2015
D.C. School Choice Program	MOU between the U.S. Department of Education and the D.C. Government in place to help ensure the efficient and effective continued implementation of the Scholarship for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Act programs. (The Deputy Mayor for Education is delegated the authority and responsibility for the MOU by the City Administrator.) This MOU governs the program for FY2011 and subsequent years. The MOU outlines the officials and offices that will have lead responsibility for implementing the program,	June 2012 to the end of the program (or mutual agreement of the parties to end the agreement)

	issues and areas for collaboration and information exchange and specific activities to be carried out.	
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Grant(s) Awarded (or Pending Award) to Agency

Grant Name	Name of Grantor	Total Grant Amount	Current Grant Balance	Grant Expiration
Flamboyant Foundation grant to DME for technical development of the SY15-16 My School DC application by OCTO	Flamboyant Foundation	\$100,000	\$100,000	None – services to be rendered by OCTO through a MOU with a term that ends in September, 2015.

Active Litigation(s)

Project Name	Brief Description
N/A	

Consent Decree(s)

Project Name	Brief Description	Agreement Term
N/A		