



# DCPS Partnerships

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## DCPS Partnerships Newsletter

*October 2024*

### Dear Partners,

We hope you have had a great start to the school year! It's been a busy time for DCPS as we welcomed our students, families, and staff back to school and kicked off the year with our annual Back to School Block Party. Over 1400 community members joined us for fun, food, and community building at Jefferson Middle School.





Please read on for important updates and information about upcoming DCPS events. As always, don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Best,

DCPS Partnerships Team

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## Upcoming Dates

- **Nov 4-5:** No school for students
- **Nov 11:** DCPS Closed
- **Nov 27-29:** No school for students (DCPS closed on 11/28)

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## Partnership Policy Reminders

Please ensure you have completed all DCPS partnership requirements before providing services to DCPS schools and students. For more details, please visit the [DCPS Partnerships website](#) or watch our [July 2024 Policy Palooza](#) training.

# DCPS School Year Readiness Checklist for School Program Providers\*

*What do I need to do to work with a  
DCPS school?*

- [Confirm your registration with DCPS.](#) This lets us know you are still interested in working with DCPS this year.
- [Ensure you have a valid DCPS Memorandum of Agreement or purchase order](#) in place.
- [Ensure all staff and volunteers are cleared by DCPS](#) before they begin services.
- [Submit a Facilities Use Agreement](#) if you are providing programming outside of regular school hours to DGS at least 20 business days before the start of programming.
- [Obtain a Donation Agreement](#) if you are providing free programming.

Questions? Visit the partnerships website:  
[dcpspartnerships.com](https://dcpspartnerships.com)

\*School Program Providers are external organizations that work with DCPS students 3+ times/year and are not health or mental health programs



## Reminder: Paraprofessional Tour of Duty Details

Please note that effective October 18, 2023, a new collective bargaining agreement (CBA) is in effect for American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 2921. **Please note these specific highlights for AFSCME members who are employed by DCPS as paraprofessionals:**

- Tours of duty for part-time paraprofessionals are 8:00 am- 4:30 pm to align with a 40-hour work week.

- Paraprofessionals who serve in partner-led after-school programs will be paid, by DCPS, the hourly rate on their pay scale as designated by their grade and step from **3:30- 4:30 pm**. Please note that these employees can continue to support after-school programming if their role's duties are encompassed in the DCPS paraprofessional position description but can only be paid by partner programs beginning at 4:30 pm daily.
  - **Please note:** If partner programs pay AFSCME paraprofessionals from 3:30-4:30pm, those AFSCME paraprofessionals may be liable for "double dipping" and subject to loss of DCPS employment and other penalties. Please review salaries and hours for impacted individuals to ensure appropriate staffing levels and support smooth operations.
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## Join Us! DCPS Budget Forum on 11/12

DC Public Schools (DCPS) is excited to partner with the DC Local School Advisory Team Collective (DCLC) to convene a public budget forum on **Tuesday, November 12 at Brookland Middle School**. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and programming will begin by 6:00 p.m. The evening will provide opportunities to hear from DCPS Leadership and participate in a discussion about the budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26).

Please RSVP to attend by visiting [bit.ly/DCPS\\_forum\\_FY26](https://bit.ly/DCPS_forum_FY26). Childcare, light refreshments, and Spanish and ASL interpretation will be available.

If you have any questions, please email DCPS Engagement Team at [ceo.info@k12.dc.gov](mailto:ceo.info@k12.dc.gov).



## DCPS FISCAL YEAR 2026 PUBLIC BUDGET FORUM

In partnership with the District of Columbia Local School Advisory Team Collective (DCLC), DCPS invites you to join us on **Tuesday, November 12 from 6:00 to 7:30PM** for a conversation about our Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Budget.

 **Brookland Middle School**  
1150 Michigan Avenue NE

RSVP to attend: [bit.ly/DCPS\\_forum\\_FY26](https://bit.ly/DCPS_forum_FY26)  
Questions? Email [ceo.info@k12.dc.gov](mailto:ceo.info@k12.dc.gov).



## Join Us! DCPS Budget Hearing on 11/20

DC Public Schools (DCPS) will convene a public budget hearing on **Wednesday, November 20 at 6:00 PM**. The purpose of the hearing is to gather input from families, staff, and the community to shape the upcoming Fiscal Year 2026 (School Year 2025-2026) budget.

Members of the public are invited to listen and provide testimony at the hearing, and anyone seeking to testify should register online by November 15 at <https://bit.ly/dcpsbudgetsvp26>.

For questions, please contact the Office of External Affairs by e-mail, [ceo.info@k12.dc.gov](mailto:ceo.info@k12.dc.gov).



# DCPS FISCAL YEAR 2026 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

DCPS will hold a public budget hearing on **Wednesday, November 20 at 6:00 PM** about the upcoming Fiscal Year 2026 budget (School Year 2025-2026).

RSVP to attend, or sign up to testify at: [\*\*bit.ly/dcpsbudgetsvp26\*\*](https://bit.ly/dcpsbudgetsvp26)

Register to testify by Friday, November 15 at 3:00 PM.  
For questions, e-mail [\*\*ceo.info@k12.dc.gov\*\*](mailto:ceo.info@k12.dc.gov).



## DCPS Wants Your Feedback on Proposed Calendars for SY 26-29

To enable future planning and for the convenience of students, staff and families, DCPS creates 3-year calendars and will release the SY26-29 calendars this upcoming winter. Please take a few minutes to share feedback on the proposed calendars at [this link](#) by Friday, November 15.

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## Join the OST Commission

[The Commission on Out of School Time \(OST\) Grants and Youth Outcomes](#) is currently accepting applications from stakeholders who are committed to supporting equitable access to high-quality OST programs in the District of Columbia. **Parents and youth are strongly encouraged to apply.** Interested parties should complete this [brief application](#).

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