Ward 6 Public Schools Parent Organization

Who We Are

The Ward 6 Public Schools Parent Organization (W6PSPO) is an all-volunteer collaboration of parents, educators, and community members helping to strengthen and support public schools in Ward 6. Our members come from all over Ward 6 (including Capitol Hill, Shaw, Southwest DC, and Navy Yard), and from other areas of the city.

What We Believe

We believe that:

- All students deserve excellent schools that have adequate and equitable resources; meet high transparency, accountability, and safety standards; and provide a stable learning environment with minimal staff turnover;
- All students should have access to a predictable, high-quality elementary-to-high school feeder pattern of right; and
- Parents, working with school leaders and educators, have the power to push for real, lasting change in our schools.

How We Work

Since 2005, W6PSPO parents and community members have met monthly to improve the education of all children attending our Ward 6 schools. We accomplish our work by:

- Sharing and providing information on policies impacting our schools;
- Providing a forum for discussing best practices in our schools;
- Advocating for our schools with decision makers in city government (including to DC Public Schools leadership and council members), through meetings and testifying at hearings; and
- Collaborating with other ward education councils and education advocacy groups such as C4DC (Coalition for DC Public Schools and Communities) and Digital Equity in DC Education.

Past Work and Accomplishments

- Developed initiatives and secured funding to strengthen middle school opportunities and revitalize libraries in Ward 6 schools;
- Started a citywide coalition to close the digital divide in DC Public Schools that resulted in a $4.6 million investment in the mayor’s 2020 budget for new student computers;
- Pushed for more stringent student safety policies to deter abuse and criminal activity;
- Twice a year, convene more than 16 traditional public, charter, and private schools and partners in support of safe routes to school;
- Raised awareness of challenges facing our school system through news stories and editorials; and
- Successfully pushed for outdoor school improvements to beautify the grounds and provide outdoor learning environments (the Capitol Hill Green Schools Initiative).

Join Us!

Check out w6pspo.org for meeting dates or contact w6pspo@gmail.com. 
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