

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Government Operations and the Environment
Committee of the Whole

Notice of Joint Public Hearing

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

REVISED

Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chair
Committee on Government Operations and the Environment
and
Chairman Vincent C. Gray, Chair
Committee of the Whole

Announce

A Joint Public Hearing on

Bill 18-564, the “Healthy Schools Act of 2009”

March 26, 2010

11:00 AM

Room 500

John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, and Chairman Vincent C. Gray, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, will hold a joint public hearing on Bill 18-564, the Healthy Schools Act of 2009. The joint public hearing will begin at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 26, 2010 in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. **This hearing notice has been revised to reflect a new time and date due to inclement weather.**

The purpose of the bill, as introduced, is to improve the nutrition, health, and wellness of our public school students. Specifically, this bill would (1) raise school nutritional requirements to meet national standards; (2) establish a farm-to-school program in the District of Columbia; (3) address the youth obesity epidemic by increasing physical activity; (4) promote recycling, composting, clean air, green schools, and school gardens; (5) improve school wellness, asthma treatment, and allergy management; and (6) reconstitute an existing body as a Healthy Youth and Schools Commission to create long-term solutions. A revised draft of the bill is available in the office of the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment.

Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Ms. Aukima Benjamin, staff assistant to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, at 724-8062, or via e-mail at abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. If possible, witnesses should submit a copy of their testimony in advance of the hearing to abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Witnesses will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20004. The record will close at the end of the business day on April 2, 2010.