

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairman Phil Mendelson  
**FROM:** Councilmember Janeese Lewis George *Janeese Lewis George*  
**DATE:** July 7, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Request to Agendize Measures for the July 12<sup>th</sup>, Additional Legislative Meeting

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I request that the following measures, which we are moving together, be agendized for the for the July 12<sup>th</sup>, Additional Legislative Meeting:

- **Back-to-School Safely Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022**
- **Back-to-School Safely Emergency Act of 2022**
- **Back-to-School Safely Temporary Act of 2022**

The emergency declaration declares the existence of an emergency related to ensuring our public schools are prepared for the full return to in-person learning in August 2022, during the upcoming Council recess, including the readiness of school facilities, compliance with routine pediatric immunization requirements, and DCPS' clearance process for staff, volunteers, and contractors.

The emergency and temporary acts require that all public schools report on the readiness of their facilities for in-person learning at the start of schoolyear 2022-23 including the condition of their HVAC units, the status of HEPA filters, air quality monitors, the status of safety systems including whether all interior and exterior doors lock properly, fire alarm systems, security surveillance systems, and technology; to require OSSE to report on school-level compliance with required routine pediatric immunizations requirements as well as outreach efforts to improve compliance; and require DCPS to report on the status of staff, volunteer and contractor applications in its suitability clearance process.

Copies of the draft measures are attached. Clarifying revisions are likely to occur before final circulation on Monday. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Joanna Blotner, Legislative Director, at [jblotner@dccouncil.us](mailto:jblotner@dccouncil.us) or 202-288-8985.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia  
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