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Dear Ms. Filardo,

Thank you for your August 11th memorandum to Mayor Bowser regarding data disclosure in the 2018 Master Facilities Plan (MFP). As we've shared in our conversations about this project in recent months, we appreciate and value your feedback on the MFP. We look forward to continuing to receive your thoughtful perspective, as we believe strongly that community and constituent voices are a valuable input for this project.

My staff and I share your goal of efficient planning and equitable resource allocation across DCPS and public charter schools. As you know, it is my priority that the public charter schools are included in this next iteration of the MFP; my team and I are confident in the groundwork we've laid to make this possible. Previous MFPs have focused only on DCPS and have therefore presented an incomplete picture. This will be the first time that such comprehensive data is incorporated, and it will help ensure robust information and recommendations for school facility planning.

The 2018 MFP will provide valuable information that will be made available to the public, including:

- Up-to-date comprehensive information about current public school facility conditions and needs.
- Aggregated enrollment growth plans, including DCPS school-specific enrollment projections.
- Detailed facility condition assessments and 10-year maintenance plans that can be used for future facilities and budget planning.

The 2018 MFP will also examine the processes and challenges related to securing facilities across sectors; it will recommend ways to align forecasted population growth, LEA growth plans, and availability of educational facilities; and it will address under and over-utilized facility space, creative financial mechanisms to secure future space, and identification of areas in the District with the greatest need for more public school seats. I am confident that the 2018 MFP will be a valuable guide for future planning, as it relates to educational facilities in the District.

As the 2018 MFP is developed, there will be multiple opportunities for community engagement. The contractor will hold initial meetings at the start of the process throughout the city, and later to collect feedback on their draft findings. The contractor will also collect feedback from the public via an online process throughout the duration of the project.





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I appreciate that we both feel strongly about the need for comprehensive facility information and planning, and I look forward to further dialogue and feedback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JN', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Niles
Deputy Mayor for Education

CC: Muriel Bowser, Mayor

