



FY 2026 TEACHER BUDGET PRIORITIES

INVESTING IN EDUCATORS

Educator Wellness

Grants: \$500,000/yr over 4 year plan & change to continuation grants

Educator Retention

Fund: \$2M for 20 high turnover schools to implement specific strategies

Permanent Substitutes:

\$11 M for 1 Perm. Sub per 250 students in all schools

National Board

Certification: \$110,000/yr for 200 teachers to obtain certification

Co-Teaching: \$150,000 to study expanding co-teaching up to 5th grade

IMPROVING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Experiential Learning

Grants: \$500,000 to the Bridge the Gap Fund to close the Experience Gap

Study Abroad: \$800,000 to double student slots-expanding DCPS Study Abroad

Outdoor Learning: \$2M/yr over 4 year plan to build 63 outdoor learning labs to serve 63,000 students!

Specialized Programming:

Expand Dual-Language, Montessori, EOTR

Out of School Time: Move towards Universal OST and fill critical gaps

Comprehensive Staffing:

Re-Implement CSM & boost arts education, ELL, etc...

ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES OF INEQUITY

Community School

Expansion: \$2M/yr over 4 year plan to expand the Community Schools Model to provide robust student wrap-around services

Reparations for Neighborhood Schools:

\$2M annual fund for schools that meet 2 criteria: 1) enrollment spiral and 2) historically impacted by redlining

Safe Passage: \$2M to expand and improve Safe Passage- 2 additional zones and pilot full-time model with 10 schools.

Child Tax Credit: Expand the child tax credit up to \$2,000 per child.



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