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Dear CM Bonds, Grosso & White

My name is Tom Donohue I reside at 2200 Prout Street SE and am a small ward 8 small business owner of a photography and videography company.

The reason I am writing is to seek assistance in helping me question the process in which DCPS is handling the selection of the Boone Elementary Principal (while objecting to the termination of Principal JK). To my surprise, the Boone Community voted me onto the community selection committee to find its new principal. We have been asked to draft questions to ask the candidates on Friday. Unfortunately, DCPS will not release the candidates selected, their Resumes or any information about who they have chosen to present to the committee. They expect to give us this information just prior to interviewing them on Friday giving us no time to properly vet or review their background. As a community member, I have to ask myself if DCPS really wants the input of others or do they just want to appear as though they want our participation? I have written the Chancellor requesting his office supply me with the candidates no later than NOON on Thursday so we may review those he has chosen with enough time to develop specific candidate questions. If the information is not shared with us in time I have requested that DCPS delay the selection process until the community has proper time to review the candidates and prepare questions specific to each in the running. This is the right way to do this this is the right way to assure the committee represents the students and families of those who have superstars at Boone. This stay quiet approach until right before does a disservice to the selection process, we the community panel should have enough time to properly review and prepare otherwise this process is for show and not for the best interest of the students attending Boone.

I hope you'll add your voice and I ask you to join me in insisting DCPS provide sufficient time in this very important selection process. On behalf of my neighbors, the families of those attending Boone Elementary I thank you for your consideration and time in this matter.

Very respectfully,

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