

“WALKABILITY” LOTTERY PREFERENCE FOR CHARTERS

★ GOAL

In a continued effort to improve access to walkable schools for our youngest students, Mayor Muriel Bowser has proposed a “walkability” preference in the District’s common lottery.

★ WHO WOULD BE ELIGIBLE?

An elementary student (grades PK3-5) who:

1. Lives more than a half mile away from their in-boundary DCPS elementary school, **and**
2. Lives within a half mile or less from a charter elementary school that chooses to offer a walkability preference.

★ WHAT’S NEXT?

City Council needs to authorize the preference in order for it to be implemented. Legislation is slated to be introduced in late March / early April 2017. If legislation is passed, the preference would be implemented in the SY2018-19 lottery that opens in December 2017.

★ WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Learn more about the preference at DME.DC.GOV.
2. Complete the online survey at DME.DC.GOV
3. Contact your councilmember and provide testimony.

★ TOTAL POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY

Approximately **10,650** elementary students* would qualify for a walkability preference, predominantly living in Ward 5 and Ward 8.

	Student lives more than .5 miles from by-right DCPS school and has a public charter school within .5 miles
Ward 1	761 (7%)
Ward 2	30 (0%)
Ward 3	0 (0%)
Ward 4	1,713 (16%)
Ward 5	2,921 (27%)
Ward 6	546 (5%)
Ward 7	1,757 (16%)
Ward 8	2,922 (27%)

**Data analysis based on 2015-16 audited enrollment data and mock lottery results with the preference. Assumes all charter elementary schools opt in.*

