



DC Education Research Collaborative Announces Advisory Committee Members

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December 9, 2021 –Today the DC Education Research Collaborative announced the members of its Advisory Committee.

The inaugural members of the Advisory Committee are as follows:

- Jael Anker-Lagos, District of Columbia Public Schools Parent
- Troy Bent, Special Education Math Teacher, Wheatley Education Campus
- Jasmine Brann, EdD, Principal, Tyler Elementary School
- Keith Calix, Teacher and Teacher Leader, E.L. Haynes Public Charter School
- Karen Cole, PhD, Deputy Chief of Academic and Creative Empowerment, District of Columbia Public Schools
- Jennifer Comey, Director of Planning, Data, and Analysis, District of Columbia Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education
- Denise Forte, District of Columbia Public Schools Parent
- Heather Harding, PhD, District of Columbia Public Charter School Parent, and Chair, Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School Board
- DaSean Jones, Parent
- Kennesha Kelly, Executive Director, Kingsman Academy Public Charter School
- Evan Kramer, Assistant Superintendent of Data, Assessments, and Research, District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education
- Jacqueline Pogue Lyons, President, Washington Teachers' Union
- Etai Mizrav, District of Columbia Public Charter School Parent, and Researcher and Senior Consultant in Education, Opportunity Consulting
- Carlene Reid, EdD, Ward 8 Representative, District of Columbia State Board of Education
- Lakecia Richardson, Student, Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter High School
- Robert Saunders, High and Middle School Member Field Representative, Council of School Officers
- Elizabeth Torres, EdD, Chief Executive Officer and Cofounder, Washington Global Public Charter School
- Maria Tukeva, Principal, Columbia Heights Education Campus
- Ja-Mel Whitaker, Spanish Teacher, Friendship Technology Preparatory High School
- Rashida Young, Chief School Performance Officer, District of Columbia Public Charter School Board

The DC Education Research Collaborative is a research-practice partnership, led by the Urban Institute, that brings together researchers from local universities and research organizations and DC education community leaders to conduct actionable research that can drive change and improve outcomes for DC students. The Advisory Committee will create the Collaborative's five-year research agenda in consultation with researchers who constitute a Research Council.

The Mayor, Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, and representatives from the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, District of Columbia Public Schools, the DC Public Charter School Board, the Washington Teachers' Union, the Council of School Officers, and the District of Columbia State Board of Education selected the advisory committee members.

In addition to Urban, the Collaborative's research partners are American University's School of Education, Bellwether Education Partners, the Brookings Institution, the DC Policy Center, EmpowerK12, the George Washington University, Georgetown University, Howard University's School of Education, Mathematica, Trinity Washington University, the University of the District of Columbia, the University of Maryland, the University of Virginia's EdPolicyWorks, and Venture Philanthropy Partners/Raise DC.

The first meeting of the Advisory Committee will be in January 2022. The date and instructions for how to view the meeting will be announced through the [DC Register](#), via Urban's social media channels, and on the DC Education Research Collaborative website at <https://www.urban.org/dc-education-research-collaborative>. Members of the public can also sign up for the Collaborative's [news-letter](#) to be alerted when the meeting is announced.

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