

# 2015 Chancellor's Parent Cabinet Overview

## Positions Available for Representatives from Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8

### Overview

The Chancellor's Parent Cabinet is a group of parent leaders who meet monthly with the Chancellor to directly inform her around system wide policies affecting schools. Members are parents who have at least one child in DCPS and are reflective of the diversity of the DCPS community. We are open to the consideration of prospective DCPS parents. Please note that Cabinet members cannot be employed by DCPS. Selected members will serve a 12- to 18-month appointment.

### Open Positions

For this application round, DCPS has a select number of openings to replace the positions of Cabinet members with terms that are ending September 2015. Parents are selected to serve based on the ward in which they live. Additional openings for other wards will open next year. Please see the list below for open positions.

- Ward 1 – 2 Openings
- Ward 2 – 2 Openings
- Ward 4 – 1 Opening
- Ward 5 – 1 Opening
- Ward 7 – 1 Opening
- Ward 8 – 2 Openings

### What is the structure of the Parent Cabinet?

The Parent Cabinet is comprised of 24 parents who serve as volunteer members. Cabinet members are from all eight wards and represent all eight wards. For this round of applications, positions are only available for Cabinet members who live in Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8. Positions for other wards will be available next year.

### What is the process for parents interested in serving on the Parent Cabinet?

Parents must submit a written application. They can apply the following ways:

- *(PREFERRED METHOD)* Online at <http://bit.ly/ParentCabinetFall2015>
- Via e-mail to [ofpe.info@dc.gov](mailto:ofpe.info@dc.gov)
- Via fax to 202.442.5026
- Via U.S. Postal Service to DCPS; 1200 First Street, NE; 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, WDC 20002; c/o Chancellor's Parent Cabinet Application (10/1/15 postmark)

DCPS parents, principals and staff can also nominate parents for the Parent Cabinet by sending an e-mail to [ofpe.info@dc.gov](mailto:ofpe.info@dc.gov) or calling 202-719-6613. **ALL** applications and nominations are due **Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.** Select parents will be allowed to apply in person at DCPS Central Office. Those application interviews will be scheduled in advance (no walk-ins).

### How will Parent Cabinet members be selected?

Applications and nominations will be evaluated on a variety of factors, including child's grade level and school community, areas of interest and experience, and demonstrated ability to share information from the Cabinet with school communities. DCPS is only accepting applications for parents who live in Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8 at this time. Positions for other wards will be available next year.

### When will the Parent Cabinet meetings be held?

The Parent Cabinet generally meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month. The first official meeting for selected Cabinet members will be on Thursday, November 12, 2015 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. There will also be an orientation prior on November 5, 2015. All meetings are located at 1200 First Street, NE. Please note that childcare is not provided.

### What will be expected of the Parent Cabinet?

- Accept a 12- to 18-month appointment.
- Attend all scheduled meetings.
- Prepare for each meeting as needed.
- Work in a collaborative manner with each other and with DCPS staff.
- Express views and opinions in an open, constructive, and respectful manner.
- Share information with and on behalf of their school community.