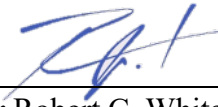Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

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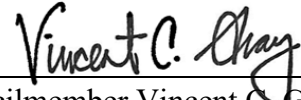Councilmember Charles Allen

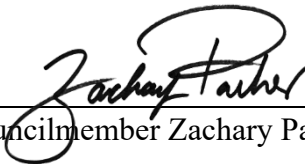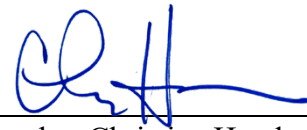Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the Department of General Services Establishment Act of 2011 to exempt data that is
security-sensitive from public dashboard disclosure requirements, and to require periodic
updates to the Council regarding maintenance of certain public school security features.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this

act may be cited as the "School Security and Transparency Amendment Act of 2023".

Sec. 2. Section 1028e of the Department of General Services Establishment Act of 2011,

effective September 21, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-167; D.C. Official Code § 10-551.07e), is amended

by adding a new subsection (e) to read as follows:

"(e)(1) For each District of Columbia Public School facility, the Department shall work

42 with the principal or their designee to conduct a comprehensive assessment for the following

43 security objectives at least once per year and to ensure all deficiencies identified are fully

44 captured in the Department's work order management system:

45   "(A) All interior doors to instructional and regularly used administrative

46 spaces and all exterior doors must close automatically and must securely lock;

47   "(B) School personnel must be able to close all exterior windows and lock

48 or latch them in a manner that prevents improper entry;

49   "(C) Public address systems must be clearly audible in all instructional

50 and regularly used administrative spaces;

51   "(C) Fire alarm systems must be in full working order; and

52   "(D) Security surveillance systems must be fully operational, with

53 properly installed and oriented cameras, intrusion alarms, and proper connections to a central

54 security operations hub."

55   "(2) The Department may omit work order data regarding deficiencies in the

56 categories listed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, including security vulnerabilities at

57 Department of Parks and Recreation facilities, from any dashboard required under subsection (a)

58 or (b) of this section.

59   "(3) The Department may delay its publication pursuant to subsections (a) and (b)

60 of this section of any work order data related to door, window, public address systems, fire alarm

61 systems, and security surveillance systems issues for up to 10 business days for purposes of

62 determining whether such data are exempt from disclosure pursuant to paragraph (2) of this

63 subsection.

64   "(4)(A) At least monthly, the Department shall transmit to the chairperson of the

65   Council committee with jurisdiction over the Department a status update on any work orders for

66   which data has been withheld from public disclosure pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection.

67   "(B) The Department may present information withheld from public

68   disclosure pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection to members and staff of the Council at

69   closed-door briefings convened by the chairperson of the Council committee with jurisdiction

70   over the Department.

71   "(C) Information shared with the Council pursuant to this paragraph shall

72   not be made available as a public record under section 202 of the District of Columbia

73   Administrative Procedure Act, effective March 25, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-96; D.C. Official Code

74   § 2-532), and Council briefings held pursuant to this paragraph shall be exempt from the

75   requirements of the Open Meetings Act, effective March 31, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-350; D.C.

76   Official Code § 2-571 *et seq.*).".

77   Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

78   The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal

79   impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,

80   approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

81   Sec. 4. Effective date.

82   This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the

83   Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as

84   provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

85   24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of

86   Columbia Register.