

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education
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Dear Residents,

Thank you for your engagement, collaboration and enthusiasm regarding the reactivation of Ellington Field in Ward 2 to better serve DCPS students and Ward 2 community members.

Moving forward, Ellington Field will be operated and maintained by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). I am confident DPR improving and operating this community asset will ensure all residents have improved access to another world-class DPR field.

In addition to being best positioned to manage Ellington Field, DPR is committed to providing fair and equitable access while ensuring the field serves the needs of DCPS students as well as all District residents. Although DPR will be operating and maintaining the field, Duke Ellington School of the Arts, School Without Walls High School, Hardy Middle School and any other DCPS school in need of field space as determined by DCPS will receive priority use during the hours necessary to accommodate their extracurricular activities.

Outside of DCPS's priority use, DPR will manage permitted use of the field and also maintain hours of unrestricted, open use.

As we work to upgrade the field, we are committed to open and transparent communication with residents, including as we begin our community engagement and design process over this coming summer of 2020. As a part of the capital construction process, DPR will also conduct environmental, traffic and lighting studies that will be made publicly available when they are completed.

I am confident that DPR will be a strong partner, and will meet with residents every step of the way to ensure this field is a benefit to the community and serves the needs of Ward 2 residents, as well as those of all 700,000 Washingtonians.

Sincerely,



Paul Kihn
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