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Ms. Thomas,

My name is Tom Donohue, I am a community member and neighbor to Boone Elementary. I have been nominated by the Boone community to represent their voice in regards to the selection process for the new principal at Boone Elementary.

I have made contact with CM Trayon White, along with all of the At Large CM and the Chancellor expressing my deepest concern over the availability of candidate information. I have never been part of any sort of selection process which restricts candidates information until just prior to the interviews. This seems like a way to avoid the committee having enough information to properly vet each candidate. This also prevents us from creating specific questions based on the candidates Resume. At this time I am requesting that Fridays meeting be postponed until which time DCPS provides the committee with enough time to properly review each candidate, discuss among the committee and properly form questions around each candidate.

I would find this most troubling if DCPS does not accommodate this request and would consider any movement to fulfill this position without the communities proper involvement null and void. I would make a very public argument one that would heavily involve the Boone Community, members of the media (of which I am a member of) city council and the Mayors office. This approach that DCPS takes is sketchy, I do not appreciate having little time if any time at all to properly review and if I am forced to proceed tomorrow, I imagine when I/we ask each candidate what they think of the process of which DCPS has taken, I hope we will hear their disappointment along with their concern knowing that a proper vetting from the community was lacking and that they do not have the support of that very community any candidate will need for any principal to be successful.

With that said, let's do the right thing and postpone this until you are able to provide us more than 24 hours to properly review and prepare otherwise I will see that DCPS explains their position and as a tax payer I will use very tool I have to show DCPS interests are not with the community and families and only interested in their own agenda. I frankly would prefer not to do that however since I am entrusted with this role on behalf of my neighbors I will have no other choice. I stand by ready to inform the families of Boone along with the very important super stars that we have their backs and that DCPS has done the right thing. What do you say, are we on the same page?

Very respectfully,

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Dear Community Panel Participants,

Thank you for taking the time to contribute to an essential component of the DCPS principal selection process for school year 20-21. Your feedback and time are invaluable to the Principal Selection process. Below you will find information about the logistics of the panel.

Attached to this e-mail is a copy of the schedule for the day. On the day of the panel, you will receive a link to view the candidate's resumes, which are confidential and should not be shared. Please note that by participating in the Community Panel process, you are agreeing to NOT disclose confidential personnel information related to DCPS/DCPS candidates to any unauthorized person or entity and that you will review this information solely for the performance of your official duties as a member of the Community Panel.

We will be conducting the interview via Zoom. The Community Panel will be password protected so please do not share the password with anyone not attending the community panel. All panelists must use their first and last name to enter the Zoom room. You will be able to enter the room 30 minutes prior to the start of the panel. I have enclosed a Zoom Participant Guide for your review.

We look forward to seeing you soon and thank you for supporting your school community in this manner!

Topic: Boone Community Panel
Time: Jun 12, 2020 9:00 AM

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