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2017 PARCC ASSESSMENT RESULTS

WASHINGTON, DC – August 18, 2017 – Yesterday, DC officials publicly released the city’s 2017 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) results. Overall, DC Prep students demonstrated solid performance in both ELA and Math compared to their peers across the city. Comparatively speaking, *DC Prep is the highest-performing network of public charter schools in the nation’s capital for the sixth year running.*

2017 WASHINGTON, DC PARCC RESULTS				
	<i>Combined % Scoring 4+ ELA (3rd-8th)</i>	<i>Combined % Scoring 4+ Math (3rd-8th)</i>	<i>Combined % Scoring 3+ ELA (3rd-8th)</i>	<i>Combined % Scoring 3+ Math (3rd-8th)</i>
<i>Citywide Average %</i>	31%	29%	55%	53%
<i>DC Prep %</i>	46%	50%	71%	78%

The state-level 3rd through 8th grade PARCC scores, issued by local education officials including the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), demonstrate the efficacy of DC Prep’s educational model and serve as a proof point for a high-quality, Common Core-aligned public education.

The District of Columbia adopted a rigorous national proficiency level on PARCC of 4+. The PARCC exam scores each student’s college and career readiness performance levels on a scale of 1 to 5 as follows:

- Level 1: Did Not Yet Meet Expectations,
- Level 2: Partially Met Expectations,
- Level 3: Approached Expectations,
- Level 4: Met Expectations, and
- Level 5: Exceeded Expectations.

Network-wide, DC Prep as an LEA (or organization) has the highest combined ELA and Math proficiency (level 4+) for the economically disadvantaged subgroup citywide. In addition:

- Edgewood Middle Campus (EMC) 8th grade has the highest proficiency rates on the ELA test and the Math grade 8 test in the city.
- As a whole, EMC and Benning Middle Campus (BMC) made improvements in PARCC scoring among special education subgroups:
 - EMC special education ELA grew by 5.7 percentage points and Math by 5.7 percentage points; and
 - BMC special education Math increased by 13.5 percentage points.



- At Edgewood and Benning Elementary Campuses (EEC and BEC), the cohort of 3rd graders who have been students with DC Prep since preschool scored higher than their 3rd grade peers.

“I’m proud of the incredibly hard work and focus that Preppies, teachers, and school leaders put into the 2017 PARCC exam,” said Emily Lawson, DC Prep’s Founder and CEO. “It’s a very rigorous assessment – one that continues to challenge and raise the bar for achievement citywide.”

The PARCC assessment in Math and ELA for 3rd through 8th graders is Common Core-aligned and asks students to demonstrate knowledge in college and career-ready skills such as analytical writing, critical thinking, and problem solving.

For more information about citywide results, visit <http://osse.dc.gov/parcc>.

**Students in 3rd through 8th grade were administered PARCC assessments in SY2016-17 at DC Prep’s Benning and Edgewood sites. DC Prep’s Anacostia Elementary Campus opened in SY2015-16 with preschool and pre-k and will “grow up” a grade each year through 3rd grade; as such, those students will not be eligible to take PARCC until SY2019-20.*

2017 PARCC results and DC Prep’s comparative standing are exclusively based on information released by OSSE as of August 17, 2017.

About DC Prep

DC Prep is the highest-performing network of public charter schools in the nation's capital for six years running. Founded in 2003, DC Prep is bridging the educational divide in Washington by increasing the number of students from underserved communities with the academic preparation and personal character to succeed in competitive high schools and colleges.

DC Prep currently serves over 1,800 students in preschool - 8th grade on five campuses in Wards 5, 7, and 8. In time, DC Prep will grow to ten campuses ultimately enrolling 3,500 students in Washington’s most under-resourced communities.

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