

Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee on Government Operations and the Environment  
Committee of the Whole

**Notice of Joint Public Hearing**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

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**REVISED/ABBREVIATED**

**Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chair**  
**Committee on Government Operations and the Environment**  
and  
**Chairman Vincent C. Gray, Chair**  
**Committee of the Whole**

Announce

**A Joint Public Hearing on**

**Bill 18-564, the “Healthy Schools Act of 2009”**

**February 10, 2010**

**10:00 AM**

Room 412

John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, and Chairman Vincent C. Gray, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, will hold a joint public hearing on Bill 18-564, the Healthy Schools Act of 2009. The joint public hearing will begin at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. **This hearing notice has been revised to reflect a new time and date. This notice has been abbreviated to give timely notice to the public.**

The purpose of the bill, as introduced, is to improve the nutrition, health, and wellness of our public school students. Specifically, this bill would (1) raise school nutritional requirements to meet national standards; (2) establish a farm-to-school program in the District of Columbia; (3) address the youth obesity epidemic by increasing physical activity; (4) promote recycling, composting, clean air, green schools, and school gardens; (5) improve school wellness, asthma treatment, and allergy management; and (6) reconstitute an existing body as a Healthy Youth and Schools Commission to create long-term solutions. A revised draft of the bill will be available in the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment on February 3, 2010.

Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Ms. Aukima Benjamin, staff assistant to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, at 724-8062, or via e-mail at [abenjamin@dccouncil.us](mailto:abenjamin@dccouncil.us). Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. If possible, witnesses should submit a copy of their testimony in advance of the hearing to [abenjamin@dccouncil.us](mailto:abenjamin@dccouncil.us). Witnesses will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20004. The record will close at the end of the business day on February 16, 2010.