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MEMORANDUM

TO: **Funders Interested in Public Education**
(including supporters of New Beginnings and
supporters of the Public Education Reform Partnership)

FROM: **Desiree Griffin-Moore**, Senior Program Officer, Freddie Mac Foundation
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Please join fellow grantmakers who are interested in public education in the District of Columbia for two important, but separate conversations. First, we will be talking with ***Arlene Ackerman***, ***Chief Academic Officer for DC Public Schools*** about major elements of the new academic plan for the DCPS system and opportunities to partner in support of the plan. Ms. Ackerman joined DCPS after a highly successful tenure in the Seattle public schools.

Then, we will have an opportunity to talk with ***Josephine C. Baker***, ***Chair of the DC Public Charter School Board*** about their process, priorities and expectations. Working with community groups from planning through executive, their mission is to charter schools that succeed.

In addition, there will be a brief report on the impact of New Beginnings funded projects that were designed to build a sense of community among students, faculty and families from the DCPS schools that received students from the schools that were closed this past fall.

This meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 12th from 10 a.m. - noon at 1400 16th Street, NW, Suite 720*** (offices of the Association of Academic Health Centers. Please let us know your attendance plans by calling WRAG at 202-939-3440 or by e-mailing us at wrag@wrag.org.

**In addition to metered parking, there is a pay parking lot on P St, NW between 16th and 17th. The closest Metro stop is Dupont Circle..*