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## Support Bancroft modernization funding

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the Mayor, and the Council of the District of Columbia, to fully fund the modernization of Bancroft Elementary School in the FY2017 budget.

Why: Bancroft was originally scheduled for modernization work to begin in 2015, to be completed by December 2017. This schedule was postponed for a number of reasons, including the need for approval as a "special merit" case by the Historic Preservation Office. That approval was obtained in September, 2015, and final approval of the design by the HPO is imminent. With the historic preservation issues out of the way, there is nothing to prevent a start to modernization work in January, 2017, as now scheduled by the Department of General Services. This will lead to work completion by the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, one year later than was first scheduled.

That Bancroft is in urgent need of modernization is indisputable. According to the facility needs ranking compiled by Council Committee on Education, of the 74 elementary schools and education campuses listed, Bancroft rates 8th in overall need, scoring 4.05 points on the scale of zero (no need) to 5 (urgent). Bancroft scores highest in need in the "date and type of last construction" category (i.e., "never"), and in "facility condition", and is the highest scoring elementary school in Ward One.

That this project was delayed by a year was unfortunate, but unavoidable. Now that the historic preservation issues are resolved, it is surely time to begin this urgently needed modernization project.

*Passed by 5 to 0 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on December 15, 2015, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners Agbro, Griffiths, Rivas, McKay, Hoey. A quorum for this commission is three; five commissioners were present.*