

November 13, 2013

To: H.T. Sanchez

From: Bill Hawley

Re: Magnet Plan 3.0 and the Comprehensive Magnet Plan

The private plaintiffs and I believe that the magnet plan approved by the Board on October 22, 2013 could limit the development of the comprehensive magnet plan in important ways. I am not interested in recommending changes in the plan at this time nor do I wish to urge the Court to intervene. To ensure that the comprehensive plan will not, after the extensive deliberations I know you intend to undertake, be limited by the provisions of the October 22 plan, I am asking you to so assert. To make this more concrete, let me give you an example of the implications of the position I ask you to take. As it is worded now, the magnet plan sets specific timelines during which named schools will not be subject to withdrawal of magnet status. This provision significantly limits the possibility of new and more promising initiatives. If you agree that the October 22 plan is not binding, the timelines for determining magnet status could be changed in the comprehensive plan.

I am not asking that you agree to any specific criteria or process, only that both the criteria and processes for shaping the future of the magnet schools in the District be open to genuine analysis and discussion unfettered by the October plan. Your assurances to that effect will, I believe, allow us to withhold objections to the October 22 plan. Such assurances bind neither the District nor the other parties to a particular course of action. My goal, and I trust yours, is the development of a comprehensive magnet plan that will have the full support of all the parties.