

Dear Wilson Community,

As a part of our ongoing effort to institute programs and policies that promote effective strategies for schools facing federally mandated restructuring, the Chancellor's office would like to invite your school community to participate in a round of "Partnership Exploration Days." DCPS has invited a number of nonprofit organizations from around the country to meet with our schools and explore potential partnerships for the 2009-2010 school year and beyond. All of the invited organizations have experience in drastically improving student achievement in challenging school environments, and we hope that you will take the opportunity to meet these partners and assess the resources and expertise they could bring to your school.

Attached to this letter you will find a guide to our partnership initiative, which includes both tips for selecting restructuring partners and a short description of each of our invited partner organizations. Please share this letter and the attached guide with your teachers, parents, PTA, LSRT, and broader school community. If you have any questions about partners, please contact Justin Cohen, director of the office of portfolio management at (202) 442-5194. We will be following up with you shortly to help for you to arrange meetings with partners that may be a good fit for your school community. During the first week of May, we will have feedback meetings, during which your school community can share your preferences with respect to partners. We look forward to exploring these exciting partnership opportunities with you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Rhee
Chancellor