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Markus Batchelor
Member, State Board of Education of the District of Columbia
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Dear Mr. Batchelor and Members of the State Board of Education:

Thank you for your letter regarding concerns about teacher retention. I did receive Councilmember White's letter and responded to him on June 2, 2017. I also informed him earlier today of my decision regarding the timing of a hearing on this important issue. After conversing with and considering feedback from the appropriate parties, I have determined the best course forward is to contemplate this issue as part of a broader context with a roundtable in the fall.

DCPS is expected to release their strategic plan in September of 2017. Upon the release of the plan, the Committee will hold a roundtable, with Chancellor Wilson, to discuss the components including how it will impact teacher retention. This will be an opportunity for the public to participate and for the Council to ask the necessary questions and receive answers regarding these concerns.

Thank you, and the entire State Board of Education for your advocacy on these important issues. I look forward to continuing to work together to put every student in the best position to succeed.

Sincerely,

David Grosso, Chairperson
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Council of the District of Columbia