

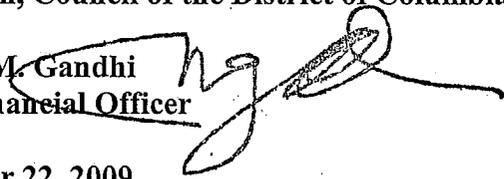
**Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** December 22, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “Out-of-Boundary Transfers Reasonable Walking Distance Regulations Approval Resolution of 2010”

**REFERENCE:** Draft Resolution to be Introduced—No Bill Number

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed resolution.

**Background**

The proposed resolution would approve the proposed rules to amend Chapter 21 (Attendance and Transfers) of Title 5 (Education) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) by adding a new Section B 2106 (Out-of-Boundary Transfers) that would clarify and standardize throughout the District the calculation of the area defined as “within a reasonable walking distance” to a particular school in order for a student to receive the “within a reasonable walking distance” preference in the out-of-boundary lottery process.

In the District, every student from kindergarten through 12th grade has a right to attend his or her assigned District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) school. However, a student may enroll at another DCPS school if space is available. If space is limited, an out-of-boundary lottery takes place that allows parents to apply for available seats at a school other than their child’s assigned schools. Currently, the DCMR allow for a preference in the lottery for a particular school if a child has a sibling at the school, or if a child lives within a reasonable walking distance, defined as three blocks of an elementary school or five blocks of a secondary school. The proposed legislation would change the three- and five-block measures to comparable distances measured in three-thousand and five-thousand feet. This new standardized method of calculation would

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allow parents to easily learn whether the "within a reasonable walking distance" preference applies to their children when they enter their address in the on-line application for the lottery.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed resolution. The proposed resolution standardizes and clarifies definition of a criterion in the public school enrollment process and does not have an impact on the District's budget and financial plan.