

# BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Frederick Elementary School Community,

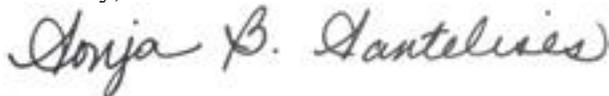
In November, I wrote to you about the process City Schools uses to review charter schools and other schools with external operators to ensure they are supporting students' success. This review occurs every three or five years, depending on each school's charter or contract, and assesses the school's performance over time in the areas of academic performance, school climate, financial management, and governance. In the current school year, the process has been modified due to the unique challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic and the move to virtual learning last school year, focusing on the school and its operator's ability to comply with critical federal, state and district requirements around providing students with appropriate learning opportunities, climate and safety, as well as ensuring the financial health of the school. Additionally, for any schools that are in a partial contract term, meaning a 3-year contract, where the school has had mixed ratings in a prior renewal, the Board per its policy also considers whether the school has improved since that term in formulating its decision.

**On Tuesday, January 11, the Board voted to renew Frederick Elementary School's charter for the next three years.** This decision indicates the confidence the district has in your school and its ability to improve over its next charter term. For Frederick Elementary, the renewal process highlighted many areas of strength for the school, as well as areas where there is still need for improvement. For instance, since its conversion to charter in 2017, the school is effectively implementing its mission described in its charter, as shown by the restorative practices work, and strong data practices that have improved student outcomes at the school. There is still work to be done by the school, particularly in improving attendance and chronic absence, as well as continuing the work to improve outcomes for all student groups.

**For more details, read your school's renewal report, which can be found on the district website at [www.baltimorecityschools.org/renewal](http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/renewal).** If you have questions about the Board's decision, please contact Angela Alvarez or Trevor Roberts in the district's Office of New Initiatives at 410-396-8550.

Your involvement is a key contributor to the strength of your school. Thank you for your partnership and support. I look forward to continued success for our students and schools in 2022.

Sincerely,



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