



**Testimony of  
Scott Pearson, Executive Director  
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Confirmation of Hanseul Kang, Superintendent of State Education  
DC Council Committee on Education  
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Good afternoon Councilmember Grosso and members of the DC Council on Education. My name is Scott Pearson and I am the Executive Director of the DC Public Charter School Board, and I am here to offer my support for Hanseul Kang for State Superintendent of Education.

Hanseul is a strong leader and education advocate, with valuable experience as a teacher, with non-profits and within government. These diverse experiences would serve her well in her role as the head of the OSSE. We at PCSB are excited about the opportunity to work with such a dynamic leader to continue to improve the collaboration and coordination between our offices to better serve students and families in the District.

Hanseul's ability to lead a large organization to effectively deliver for students is particularly evident in her work in the Tennessee Department of Education. As Chief of Staff, Hanseul led efforts to make the department of

a high-performing organization that produced excellent service for all relevant stakeholders. She greatly reformed that department's ability to recruit talented individuals and improved performance management processes. This strong leadership is evident in the strong student achievement growth in Tennessee during her tenure.

The past few years have brought increased coordination between OSSE, PCSB and the public charter sector and we are confident that relationship can continue during Hanseul's tenure. PCSB has worked with OSSE on the innovative citywide Equity Reports, a vital resource for parents and the community that we are hopeful we can continue to improve upon. It is also important that our agencies work together to prevent the duplication of data requests and other burdens that may interfere with the ability of leaders in public charter schools, and DCPS schools, to focus their energies where they matter most, their students.

I would like to welcome Hanseul back to DC. She is a tireless advocate for student achievement who will serve this city well, and I strongly support her nomination. I hope that you will confirm her as DC's State Superintendent of Education. Thank you.