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Dear Chairperson Collier and Director Wolfingbarger,

Earlier this week, the DC Inspector General alerted me to questions about the school placement of Chancellor Wilson's children. In researching the matter, we found that Deputy Mayor for Education Jenifer Niles and Chancellor Antwan Wilson violated the intent of Mayor's Orders 2017-125 and 2017-158, which prohibited public officials from obtaining discretionary transfers. They also may have violated the Code of Conduct in seeking and obtaining a transfer for the child of Chancellor Wilson, from one school to another, several weeks after the school year began.

The actions in seeking and effecting the transfer raised significant concerns. I have accepted the Deputy Mayor's resignation and the Chancellor is withdrawing his child from the out-of-boundary school as part of a series of corrective actions, including full cooperation with a BEGA review of compliance with the Code of Conduct. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Muriel Bowser

Mayor