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**RE: Gage-Eckington Elementary School:
LeDroit Park Civic Association Position**

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Dear Mayor Fenty:

On behalf of the LeDroit Park Civic Association this letter is being provided to express the communities' position on the proposed closing of the Gage-Eckington Elementary School.

During our regular membership meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 a motion was passed by unanimous vote opposing your administration's plan to close the facility.

We do not believe that closing the Gage-Eckington school is in the best interests of our small, historical community. The community is concerned about the proposal to close this school without ANY plan for how to mitigate the tremendous challenges a vacant building of this magnitude in such a critical location will create for our neighborhood.

Further, the LeDroit Park Civic Association strongly requires that all decisions about the future of the Gage-Eckington School be made with the full participation of and in partnership with the community and Civic Association.

We are reserving our next LeDroit Park Civic Association meeting to discuss this pressing issue with you and Chancellor Rhee. We are working with your scheduling office(s) to ensure your attendance. Note, our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 7:00 PM** at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church.

We look forward to working with you on this important issue

Sincerely Yours,

Jeff Herron
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