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Mr. Chingos:

Thank you for your participation in the process to select an independent, non-governmental entity for the District of Columbia Education Research Practice Partnership (DC RPP). I am pleased to inform you that the Review Panel authorized by D.C. Official Code §38-785.03 selected the Urban Institute as the independent, non-governmental entity. We look forward to working with the Urban Institute and its partners in establishing the DC RPP.

As far as next steps, we will be making all applications (subject to appropriate redactions), scoring rubrics, and meeting recordings of the Review Panel available in the upcoming days to provide the public with full and complete transparency of the process undertaken in this matter. These will be located on the OSSE website.

Further, D.C. Code §38-785.02 states that the independent, non-governmental entity shall enter into a master research services agreement for the purposes of enabling the Partnership to carry out its processes. We look forward to beginning this process, and we will be in contact with you in the upcoming weeks to discuss next steps.

Again, thank you for your diligence and patience in this process. The DC RPP will be integral to our continued efforts to make educational decisions based off the best available research and analysis.

Sincerely,

Shana Young
Interim State Superintendent of Education

Cc: Paul Kihn, Deputy Mayor of Education