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COUNCILMEMBER MARY CHEH TO VISIT THE ACE WILSON HIGH TEAM

(Washington, D.C.) On Thursday, February 18th, Ward 4 Councilmember Mary Cheh will meet the ACE Mentor Program's Wilson High Team at Woodrow Wilson High School at 4:30pm, Room 219.

After reviewing Woodrow Wilson High School's construction plans, the ACE Wilson High Team students formally testified to DC City Council. Their testimony – encompassing input from the Ward 4 neighborhood, faculty, and other students – outlined deficiencies in the plans and presented new design aspects to incorporate into the overall Master Facilities Plan for the school's modernization. For example, the students design elements included making ADA compliance for the disabled; a new cafeteria; and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) at the Silver level a priority. The students also strongly advocated to move forward with the modernization project, voicing concerns over delays of the school's make-over, due to budget concerns.

Currently, the Woodrow Wilson High School modernization project is in the design phase and incorporates the students' design elements. The project is anticipated to break ground later this year.

The ACE Wilson Team is one of nineteen (19) ACE Mentor Program high school teams in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. Established years ago, the ACE Wilson Team's students have gone on to study architecture, engineering and construction at local area universities and community colleges – with some having been accepted into such prestigious Ivy Leagues as Dartmouth and Harvard.

About the ACE Mentor Program – Washington, DC

ACE is an acronym for architecture, construction, and engineering. It is a unique partnership among industry professionals, college and university representatives and professional organizations throughout the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. The ACE Mentor Program is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enlighten and increase the awareness of high school students to career opportunities in architecture, construction and engineering – as well as other related areas of the design and construction industry – through mentoring and scholarship awards. The program makes a special attempt to reach students of all demographics; and those currently underrepresented in the industry.

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