



Equity Statement for SR22-7, Fiscal Year 2024 Need for Appropriations and Enhancements

The Fiscal Year 2024 Need for Appropriations (NFA) and related enhancements proposed in SR22-7 acknowledges the growing work and personnel needs of the agency's three offices: the Office of the State Board, the Office of the Student Advocate, and the Office of the Ombudsman. The work of each of these three offices is vital to ensure that public education services, resources, and policies are maintained and grown in an accessible, equitable, and responsible manner.

With the proposed FY24 NFA and related enhancements, the State Board's offices will increase equity in education in the District of Columbia in at least the following ways:

- Allocating additional funds to grow the amount of printed and digital education-related resources, advertisements, and communications across all parts of the District of Columbia, especially areas that may not typically be reached or served by District government.
- Allocating specific funds for our four (4) dedicated Student Representatives through a \$1,000 Educational Services Scholarship upon the successfully completes their term.
- Increasing the State Board's capacity to conduct and execute meaningful educational research.
- Establishing four (4) dedicated personnel positions to help the State Board expand its outreach and presence through increased community engagement, administrative, ombudsman-focused, and student advocate-focused needs.
- Investing in State Board physical and information-technology (IT) infrastructure to ensure that the State Board's service-facing programming is accessible and available to all in need.

