Office of the District of Columbia Auditor Releases District of Columbia Public Schools
Budget Report

Washington, DC—The Office of the District of Columbia Auditor (ODCA) released a report on
the District of Columbia Public Schools' (DCPS) budget process from Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 to
FY 2010. Budgets are established for each public school and the DCPS Central Office annually.
The Central Office budget supports DCPS’ administrative and central staff and provides support
to local schools.

There were changes and weaknesses in DCPS’ budget process from FY 2007 to FY 2010. Some
of the key audit findings include: (1) DCPS did not maintain policies, procedures, or
documentation to support the budget methodology for fiscal years prior to 2009 for local schools
and FY 2012 for the Central Office; and (2) there is no integration between the Office of the
State Superintendent of Education and DCPS to review the actual costs needed to operate DCPS.
10 recommendations were made to assist DCPS in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of
their budget development, management and oversight.

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