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Ward 4 Council Candidate Lisa Gore Calls for Safe and Equitable Learning Environments for All DC Elementary Students

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 6, 2023 — Ward 4 Council candidate and current Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, Lisa Gore, today expressed her profound concern over recent videos highlighting the recurring infrastructure failures at Whittier Elementary School that have compromised the safety and learning conditions of our youngest residents. Following the second instance of severe water damage from a recurrent pipe malfunction, which devastated classrooms and educational materials, Gore is demanding action to ensure that such neglect is met with the urgency and responsiveness it demands.

"It is a matter of fundamental justice that every child deserves a safe and nurturing learning environment," asserted Gore, who brings a deeply personal perspective to her advocacy as a mother of a DCPS graduate. She emphasized that the damage at Whittier Elementary not only affects the school's physical space but also the morale of its students and teachers—particularly during the pivotal DC CAPE testing period and on the cusp of Teacher Appreciation Week.

While Councilmember Janeese Lewis-George swiftly addressed a field project issue at a neighboring Ward 4 elementary school through proposed legislative action, the repeated infrastructure deterioration at Whittier Elementary School has been left unattended, underscoring a stark discrepancy in response. This singular focus on a specific school project versus the ongoing neglect at Whittier amplifies the inequities in resource allocation and urgency, leaving the latter grappling with deteriorating conditions without the necessary support and immediate interventions. This, Gore contends, *"is a clear failure of the current leadership under Councilmember Janeese Lewis-George and the Committee on Facilities and Family Services, which she chairs."*

The Ward 4 Council hopeful, with a decorated career in public service, including law enforcement roles with the Inspector General's Office at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Customs Service, and DC Superior Court as a Juvenile Probation Officer, is no stranger to advocacy and reform. Gore's determination to facilitate equitable, safe learning environments reflects her deep-rooted commitment to justice, and her readiness to lead Ward 4 toward a future where every child, teacher, and family is afforded the respect and resources they rightfully deserve.

To become a part of this pivotal movement, learn more about Lisa Gore's vision for Ward 4 by visiting GoreForDC.com, or engage with her campaign on social media (@GoreforDC)

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