

Proclamation



FAFSA COMPLETION MONTH

FEBRUARY 2015

WHEREAS, the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an important step toward college for students in the District of Columbia and across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Superintendent of the Education leads the effort to encourage and provide opportunities for all District of Columbia high school seniors to complete their FAFSA through a District-wide, collaborative initiative, which includes the introduction of an online platform allowing school-based staff to access real-time student-level FAFSA completion data, a District-wide campaign to drive FAFSA completion, and the organization of four FAFSA completion assistance events throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the completion of the FAFSA, provides students the opportunity to access the billions of dollars in federal aid available to help fund their college education; and

WHEREAS, key studies have shown a direct correlation between FAFSA completion and postsecondary enrollment, and 75% of District of Columbia jobs will require at least some postsecondary education by 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim February 2015, as "FAFSA COMPLETION MONTH" in Washington, DC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Muriel Bowser". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

