

What People Are Saying About D.C. Public School's Chancellor Dr. Lewis D. Ferebee

Since assuming the role of Acting Chancellor in January 2019, Lewis D. Ferebee has demonstrated to the D.C. Public Schools (DCPS) community that he is the best person to lead DCPS into the future. He is committed to restoring public confidence and transparency while building off the previous decade of reforms to the district's education system. Dr. Ferebee's overarching goal has been to establish a high level of transparency between himself and the community.

In just his first few weeks, Dr. Ferebee has focused on getting to know DCPS students—their dreams, their challenges, and their lived experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. Dr. Ferebee has also prioritized establishing partnerships and trust with parents, families, community members, and educators to set every student up for success. Each of these areas are vital to Dr. Ferebee's goal of ensuring there is a high-quality school at every grade level in every neighborhood.

Outlined below are highlights from experts and leaders familiar with Dr. Ferebee's record of success:

CBS 4 [Lewis Ferebee leaving IPS superintendent job for D.C. school](#) (December 3, 2018)

Former Indianapolis Mayor Greg Balla's Superintendent Ferebee's impactful leadership made a significant difference not only for Indianapolis Public Schools, but also for our entire community. At a time when the largest school district in the state needed bold, new ideas, Dr. Ferebee led with transparency and courage, while always doing what's best for students. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success in our nation's capital."

"Change is hard. Change makes people upset sometimes," he said. "Yet, if you look at the educational results, [...] we are making dramatic improvement."

Mayor Bowser's Office [Mayor Bowser Announces Dr. Lewis D. Ferebee as DCPS Chancellor](#) (December 3, 2018)

Mayor Bowser: "Dr. Ferebee is someone with experience leading at all levels of public education – from serving in the classroom and as an elementary and middle school principal to leading a system that serves more than 30,000 students. He is a strong leader and educator, and has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to providing all students and families with high-quality educational opportunities."

"Dr. Ferebee presents with a long record of success focusing on some of the issues that are very critical to DCPS at this time," she said at a news conference Monday afternoon."

WISH TV 8 [IPS superintendent Ferebee to head DC school district](#) (December 4, 2018)

IPS Board: "We are happy for Dr. Ferebee and we are proud of his work on behalf of the students in our district."

Indy Star: [Lewis Ferebee, leaving as IPS superintendent, says 'show is not dependent on one person'](#) (December 3, 2018)

Former Indy Star Columnist Tim Swartz ~~he~~ built partnerships with The Mind Trust and other organizations pushing for innovation in how schools are organized and managed. He embraced the Indy Chamber's review of the district's finances and acted on recommendations to streamline operations and to sell off unneeded property."

Michael O'Conner, IPS Board Member:

tremendous adversity. This is the character of a true leader who cares first about the mission of doing whatever necessary to improve the lives of children in our community.”

Ontay Johnson, Executive Director at 100 Black Men of Indianapolis

“Civil rights organizations and African American leadership associations in Washington, D.C. will find Dr. Ferebee to be a true partner in their communities and are blessed to have him as chancellor. We strongly and respectfully suggest our brother and sister institutions reach out to their new chancellor in order to forge an impactful and beneficial alliance to help the young men and women in our nation's capital.”

Tony Walker, Member, Indiana State Board of Education and School Without Walls Alumni