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It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Budget Season

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Even though DC's budget season isn't officially here yet, discussions on how to influence next year's budget are already underway. Today, we are highlighting two upcoming opportunities for you to get involved in the fiscal year (FY) 2016 budget for health and education.

 DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority (HBX): The HBX will lead a FY 2016 budget discussion at DC Fiscal Policy Institute next Monday, December 8th at 11:00 a.m. HBX staff will be on hand to discuss their funding priorities and how they will support important consumer assistance mechanisms such as information technology for DC Health Link and in-person application assistance. They will also take input from the community on consumer priorities. Please send an RSVP to <u>Wes Rivers</u> to attend.



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• DC Public Schools (DCPS): DCFPI and the Senior High Alliance of Parents, Principals and Educators, or S.H.A.P.P.E., will hold a meeting to discuss the FY 2016 DCPS budget on Tuesday, December 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The discussion will include DC Public Schools' Chief of Operations Lisa Ruda, and it will take place at McKinley High School, located at 151 T St. NE. There is no need to RSVP.

DCFPI encourages you to get informed and start voicing you priorities early to inform the budget the Bowser administration will put together by April. And stay tuned to the District's Dime for more budget related updates!