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To the Educational Nominating Panel:

I would like to thank the Educational Nominating Panel for its hard work in producing the list of 27 qualified candidates for the Board of Education on February 26. I have reviewed the background and qualifications for these members and am impressed by the group.

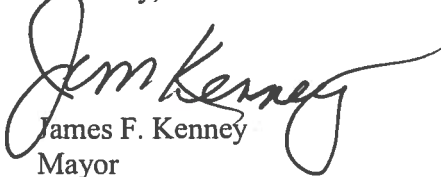
I may appoint all nine Board members from the Panel's initial list of 27. However, given the importance of these appointments, I would welcome further recommendations from the Panel in order to allow me to appoint the strongest Board possible.

In appointing Board of Education members, I must consider the candidates as individuals as well as how they would fit into the overall makeup of the Board. I believe the Panel's initial list includes a sufficient group of individuals with professional and governmental experience. For the second list, I request that the Panel submit a diverse pool that more strongly represents parents and current or former primary- or secondary-level educators. As we review the overall makeup of the appointments, it is important that the members represent all Philadelphians. I request that the Panel focus on the previous mentioned qualifications, as well as ensuring that the additional recommendations increase the diversity of the pool in order to allow me to appoint a board that represents the various communities of Philadelphia.

Therefore, under Section 12-207(b) of the Public Education Supplement to the Home Rule Charter, I am requesting that within 10 days the Panel send me an additional list of at least 18 qualified individuals. I would appreciate as many additional qualified names as you feel able to provide, up to 27.

Thank you for your service to the children of Philadelphia, to their families, and to all who live or work in the City.

Sincerely,


James F. Kenney
Mayor