



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

Charter and/or Charter Agreement Amendment Application

Part I: General Information

All applicants must complete this section

SUBMITTED BY: JECT: Dr. Deneen Long-White – WMST PCHS

Charter Amendment Request for: (Mark all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Ceiling Increase | <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change – Campus or Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Replication of Grades Served | <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Reconfiguration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Level Expansion (Single Grade) | <input type="checkbox"/> LEA Status for Special Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Level Expansion (Grade Band) | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education Enrollment Preference |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Facility or New Location | <input type="checkbox"/> Governance Structure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goals and Achievement Expectations | (Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation or Management) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mission or Education Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduation Requirements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum, Standards or Assessments | <input type="checkbox"/> Competency-Based Learning Application |

SUBMISSION DATE: 2/1/2018

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Please address the following questions in their entirety. This information provides helpful background to the DC PCSB Board as it reviews these requests.

Overview of School Performance

1. Provide the following information about your Local Education Agency (LEA) by campus:
 - a) Campus name(s) and location(s): **Washington Mathematics Science Technology Public Charter High School – 1920 Bladensburg Road, NE, Washington, DC 20002**
 - b) Year opened: **1998**
 - c) Grade levels served (Currently and at maturation of charter agreement, if applicable): **9 - 12**
 - d) Date that charter will be eligible for possible renewal: **2030**
2. Please select the performance indicators below that describe the school's current performance*: (Mark all that apply)
 - ☐ Currently rated Tier 1, or met at least 2/3 of targets on the most recent PK-only PMF or Alternative Accountability Framework.
 - ☒ School is not currently under corrective action.
 - ☒ Has historically met enrollment projections w/in 80% of target.
 - ☒ School has been in operation for 3+ years.
 - ☒ School is currently accredited. **May 1, 2021**

*If the school has multiple campuses or varying PMFs, please describe the academic performance of each campus here: **Enter text.**

Disclaimer: While processing this application, DC PCSB staff may contact you later to request additional information for the Board's consideration. By submitting this application, you agree to cooperate with DC PCSB staff to ensure your application is processed in a timely manner. For questions, please contact DC PCSB staff person Laterica (Teri) Quinn at (202) 328-2660.

PROPOSAL

WMST PCHS submits to the DC Public Charter School Board this application to amend its charter agreement by changing the item(s) selected above. If approved, this amendment will be effective on **December, 2018**_____ (*leave blank if this has not been determined*).

1. Please provide details on the selected amendment(s) above and describe the requested change(s), including the school's rationale for the proposed changes. Describe any planning that is already underway to prepare for the proposed amendment.

The school plans to sell its present facility as well as purchase and operate in its new facility at 711 Edgewood Place, NE, Washington, DC. 2002. That new facility provides opportunities that enable WMST to augment and better facilitate its present curriculum programs through the provision of such features as state-of-the art science laboratories for each science classroom, additional computer workrooms and a larger media center. Additionally, negotiation discussions are planned for the design and construction of a gymnasium in the future. Moreover, nearby middle and elementary schools as well as an apartment development afford added opportunities for recruitment and increased student enrollment.

2. How will the proposed amendment(s) support or enhance the school's mission?

WMST's mission is to provide a rigorous education that integrates mathematics and science instruction with technology resulting in highly self-motivated students. The rapid changes in technology coupled with the need to bridge the gap between technology curriculum and preparation provided by schools and the skills needed for students' success in college and careers propels WMST to seek avenues which address those critical divides. The acquisition of this new facility will allow WMST to enhance and improve its provision of a comprehensive high school educational experience for its students via rigorous; yet, exciting and engaging STEM educational opportunities that infuse art, design and creativity within its curriculum. Additionally, the opportunity to allow students to engage in the usage of state-of-the-art technological equipment; partake in the application of current trends and theories in STEM; and actively indulge in research and development of innovative and creative trends and ideas in STEM is monumental.

3. While considering this amendment request, DC PCSB staff may review the school's history of board actions, DC PCSB audits, community complaints, enrollment trends, and any relevant data used by DC PCSB to monitor equity in schools. Please describe any DC PCSB audits, notices of concern or other board actions issued against your school in the past 3 years. What was the outcome? Please explain what steps, if any, you've taken to address the concerns that prompted a DC PCSB audit, board action, or community complaint.

To date, WMST has received no audits by the DC PSCB in any of these areas.

4. DC PCSB will review the school's Financial Audit Reviews (FAR) and current financials to determine the fiscal health of the organization. If applicable, describe how the proposed amendment will impact the school's finances. Explain any anticipated expenses for the proposed changes and how the school will finance them. *[EXCLUDES the following amendments: Governance, Goals, Mission, Curriculum, Name Changes and Graduation Requirements. If not applicable, write N/A.]*

Note: If applicable, in addition to your narrative please attach a proposed [5-year Operating Budget](#).

The current loan balance on the property is six million and we currently have an offer value of 9.5 million. Thus, the school plans to acquire added revenue of 3.5 million from the sale of its present facility. That profit will substantially improve the school's revenue status as well as its financial resources. Additionally, the predicted increased recruitment opportunities provided through nearby School and residential dwellings coupled with the attraction of a newly renovated facility offer advances in revenue due to increased student enrollment.

In addition to the embedded increased financial resources gained from this move, WMST plans to institute the induction of a Foundation in the name of one of its most highly esteemed late faculty members, Dr. Alice Franklin-Rier, and introduce the induction of a new WMST Ambassador Board comprised of community, parents, business and corporate partners, etc. that are experts in chosen fields and are united/committed for the purpose of soliciting financial donations for the school. WMST recently reached out to Democracy Builders Corp. to start conversations around establishing a partnership to gain assistance and guidance in both of these endeavors.

- 5.** How has the school informed its external stakeholders (e.g. local ANC commissioners, neighbors) and internal stakeholders (e.g. staff, parents) of the proposed amendment(s)? Please attach any written communication (e.g., meeting minutes). Describe any notable support for or opposition to the proposed amendment(s). If concerns have been brought to your attention, how do you plan to address them? *[EXCLUDES the following amendments: Governance, Goals, Mission, Curriculum, Graduation Requirements and Competency-Based Learning Credits. If not applicable, write N/A.]*

A letter of Notice to the ANC was submitted by the president of WMST's Board of Trustees on February 1, 2017. That letter also requested a meeting to answer questions concerning the school's transfer to another facility and provide more information about the school's programs. Additionally, the WMST's faculty and staff have been constantly apprised of the upcoming change of location as well as intentions for the sale of the present school dwelling. Furthermore, WMST's Board of Trustees visited the school during the last year's Pre-Service Week to provide more details regarding the relocation of the school and to solicit input from the staff.

- 6.** When did your school's board approve the proposed amendment(s)? Please attach minutes from the meeting and vote results.

WMST's Board of Trustees conducted an anonymous vote and arrived at a general agreement to proceed with its plan to sign the LOI and to move forward to lease the [711 Edgewood Street](#) property on September 27, 2017.