

Section C1. **New Campus Location or Additional Facility**

***ONLY complete this section if applying to amend a Facility or New Location.**

Any school that is planning to operate a new campus in an existing (or new) location or relocate an existing campus, whether temporarily or permanently, and even if it is taking over an existing campus of another public charter school, must notify DC PCSB of the change and amend its charter agreement to include the new address.

DC PCSB will generally approve a campus addition or relocation amendment, if the school has made documented and meaningful effort to engage the community, including the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC), and has made an effort to address their concerns, if any. The school must show proof that it has taken into consideration the current families attending the school and their transportation needs, at least for the first year of operation in the new location.

1. Please check the reason below that best describes your proposed change.

- ☒ Entire campus or school is relocating from current location to a new location.
- ☐ A single campus is both staying in its current location AND expanding into a second location (e.g. some grades in one facility and some in a second facility to allow more space, or until a permanent larger facility is found).
- ☐ School is creating a new campus being housed in a new facility (Note: Please complete [Section A2: Program Replication](#))

2. List all the facilities and addresses the school currently operates, along with the new facility(ies) the LEA plans to operate if approved. Include the campus(es) located in each facility, highlighting any changes from what is currently written in the school's charter agreement.

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3. Is the proposed new facility a property that you plan to purchase or lease? How many square feet is this space? Which grade level(s) will be at this location? If you have already purchased or leased the property, provide specific dates of when the property was acquired.

Approximately 41,681 rentable square feet

WMST plans to lease the new property. The property will serve 9-12 grade students. We have not yet leased the property.

4. If the school is planning to move a current campus into a new location, please answer the following:

- a. How will the change in location impact students who currently attend this campus, and how will you ensure that students will re-enroll?

This facility is close to our present building and the school is metro accessible. Students will be able to utilize a larger media center, state of the art equipment and computer and science laboratories.

- b. Given that students are expected to move; how will you support families that need transportation?

Students will be able to utilize the same transportation as used to transport to our present dwelling. It is metro accessible.

5. Describe the neighborhood of the proposed location (e.g. residential, commercial, metro-accessibility). What value will you bring to this community? In your response, list traditional and public charter schools in close proximity to the new location, identifying schools that serve the same grade span as you will serve at full capacity at this location. Describe how the academic performance, demographics, and mission of your school compare to these schools.

The new facility is Metro Accessible. 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.

6. Describe how you have engaged your school's community in the decision to relocate, expand, or divide into this new location. Submit documentation of your communications with your staff and families regarding this new location. Please explain any potential concerns raised by the school's internal community, including students, teachers, etc.

WMST and its Board of Trustees informed parents and students of its intentions to relocate during its Parent and Student Orientation and during its student recruitment activities. Future meetings are planned to apprise the community of its current status regarding this relocation. Additionally, the HOS informed students during Monthly Head of School Student and Staff Focus Group meetings of the school's intended relocation.

7. Describe all community outreach that has been done in the local community of the new school location. Submit documentation of communications with nearby principals, neighbors, ANC representatives, Councilmembers, and others, notifying them of your plans.

WMST's Board of Trustees emailed the ANC informing members of the WMST's intention to relocate in the new facility as well as the reasons for that upcoming move. Communications with principals, neighbors and parents is forthcoming.

8. Will there be newly-created slots for additional students? If so, discuss student recruitment efforts in the new school community.

There will be no newly-created slots for additional students in this new facility; however, efforts are being made to increase the number of students to fully occupy that new facility.

9. What is the occupancy maximum at the new location? If the maximum occupancy load for staff and students is less than the total number of staff and students who will occupy the facility at any point in the future, please explain how you will address this issue.

The new facility can occupy a maximum of 420. We will try to get the same occupancy for the new building.

10. In addition to providing a [5-year Operating Budget](#), please answer the following questions regarding the financial impact of the proposed new location:

- a. How much does the proposed new facility cost, and how many students will be served at the new site?

We plan to lease the new facility. That facility costs \$40, 711, 00 per month.

- b. What is the school's per-pupil cost, and how does this compare with its per-pupil allowance?

The school's per pupil cost is about \$18,000.00 and we spend \$22,000.00.

- c. If you plan to operate multiple facilities, in addition to the proposed new location, what is the LEA's total facilities cost (e.g. lease, plus mortgage)? How does this expense compare with your per-pupil allowance?

No. We have only one facility.

- d. What additional sources of funding do you plan to use to pay for this new facility.

WMST has set goals and targets moving forward to increase its net income in order to improve its current ratio, days of cash on hand, and net asset position. In order to meet those goals, the School has made the necessary salaries cut by eliminating the following positions without compromising the educational integrity of all school programs: Vice Principal for Student Affairs, Director of Admissions, Counseling Assistant and ten teachers. WMST has also reduced the employment hours of contracted personnel where appropriate. These personnel changes will assist WMST in reducing salary expenses. In addition, the school increased the employee health care contribution, which will reduce its Health insurance costs.

The school continues to boost its funding sources by actively and aggressively seeking funding opportunities and partnerships with corporations and foundations as a part of continued initiative to increase revenue. Each member of the Board of Trustees will seek to obtain donors. We are confident that our efforts will result in revenue increases for the school. WMST also intends to solicit all possible educational grants as well as keep the school in compliance with grant requirements of funds awarded.

In addition to seeking increased financial resources gained through partnerships, WMST plans to initiate its own Foundation in the name of one of its most highly esteemed late faculty members, Dr. Alice Franklin-Rier, as well as introduce the initiation 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.

Furthermore, WMST also intends to raise revenue through the sale of the current facility. The current loan balance is \$6 million with a sale price of \$9 million.

- e. If applicable, what contingencies do you have in place in case the new location enrolls fewer students than anticipated?

We will raise additional funds to make up for the shortfall. It is stated in the previous answer.