

## Notice of Petition to Amend Operator Agreement – Additional Facility **District of Columbia International Public Charter School**

ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: July 20, 2015

**SUMMARY**: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board ("PCSB") announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a verbal request submitted by District of Columbia International Public Charter School ("DCI PCS") on June 2, 2015 to amend its operator agreement by adding a new facility in School Year ("SY") 2015-2016.

On July 21, 2014, PCSB approved DCI PCS to be recognized as a single local education agency ("LEA") under local and federal law as a joint charter school with all the same duties, powers and responsibilities of a public charter school. Currently, DCI PCS is comprised of the following five public charter schools: DC Bilingual Public Charter School ("DC Bilingual PCS"), Elsie Whitlow Stokes Public Charter School ("Stokes PCS"), Latin American Montessori Bilingual Public Charter School ("LAMB PCS"), Mundo Verde Public Charter School ("Mundo Verde PCS"), and Washington Yu Ying Public Charter School ("Yu Ying PCS"). Each of the aforementioned schools has been approved to contract with DCI PCS to provide education and other services for grades 6-12, and currently they all co-locate at a single campus in Ward 1 to serve middle and high school students. In an effort to provide more space for its growing student population, DCI PCS would like to operate at a second facility beginning in SY 2015-2016 located at the All Souls Church, 1500 Harvard Street, NW in Ward 1. The proposed second facility is within walking distance of the school's existing campus, so the school plans to operate at both facilities. If approved, DCI PCS plans to have school staff walk students to and from the proposed new facility during the school day so that students may receive instruction and other services in both facilities.

Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to revise its charter, which includes its facility locations.

## DATES:

- Comments must be submitted on or before July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Public hearing will be held on Monday, July 20, 2015, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpcsb.org.
- Vote will be held on Monday, August 17, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check dcpcsb.org.

**ADDRESSES**: You may submit comments, identified by ``DCI PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter –Additional Facility," by any of the following methods:

- 1. Submit a written comment via:
  - (a) E-mail\*: <a href="mail">public.comment@dcpcsb.org</a>
  - (b) Postal mail\*: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14<sup>th</sup> ST. NW., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010
  - (c) Hand Delivery/Courier\*: Same as postal address above
- 2. Sign up to testify in-person at the public hearing on July 20<sup>th</sup> by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpcsb.org by no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Laterica (Teri) Quinn, Equity and Fidelity Specialist, at (202) 328-2660; email: lquinn@dcpcsb.org.

PCSB reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language.

<sup>\*</sup>Please select only one of the actions listed above.