



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:  
**Enrollment Ceiling Increase/Program Replication – E.W. Stokes PCS**

ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: **May 22, 2017**

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**SUMMARY:** The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board ("DC PCSB") announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a request submitted by Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School ("EW Stokes PCS") on February 6, 2017 to increase its enrollment ceiling and replicate its educational program to open a new campus in SY 2018-2019.

EW Stokes PCS is currently in its eighteenth year of operation serving students in grades prekindergarten-3 ("PK3") through five at a single campus located in Ward 5. Effective for SY 2018-2019, the school proposes to increase its enrollment ceiling from 350 to 750 students to open a new PK3-5 campus at an unknown location in either Ward 7 or 8. Per the school's charter agreement amendment application, the proposed new campus will be a dual-language immersion program that offers instruction in English/French or English/Spanish for students in grades PK3-5.

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 enrollment ceiling and the operation of additional campuses.

**DATES:**

- Comments must be submitted on or before May 22, 2017.
- Public hearing will be held on May 22, 2017, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check [www.dcpccb.org](http://www.dcpccb.org).
- Vote will be held on June 19, 2017, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check [www.dcpccb.org](http://www.dcpccb.org).

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by "EW Stokes PCS - Notice of Petition for ECI and Program Replication," by any of the following methods:

1. Submit a written comment via:
  - (a) E-mail\*: [public.comment@dcpccb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpccb.org)
  - (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 May 22, 2017, by emailing a request to [public.comment@dcpccb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpccb.org) by no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

\*Please select only one of the actions listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jiselle O'Neal, Executive Team Coordinator at (202) 328-2660; email: [joneal@dcpccb.org](mailto:joneal@dcpccb.org).

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