



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7D

Government of the District of Columbia

February 3, 2015

Mr. John H. "Skipp" McKoy
Chairman
District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (PCSB)
3333 14th Street
Suite 201
Washington, DC 20010

Re: Letter of Support for Potomac Preparatory Charter School

Dear Chairman McKoy:

The Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D supports the Board of Trustees for the Potomac Preparatory Charter School's strategic turnaround program and its quest for charter continuance.

We are aware that the new Board took on the tremendous responsibility of transforming the school previously under the oversight of a charter management organization (Lighthouse Academies). The former Potomac Lighthouse suffered from leadership gaps, resource mismanagement, high teacher turnover, poor academic performance and other issues.

We understand and support your commitment to providing a quality education for your student Scholars, the *new* Board of Trustees' development of a comprehensive Turnaround Plan which consists of:

- A new and experienced Head of School
- A strong, well-qualified administrative team
- A highly-qualified, well trained and committed teaching corps with solid classroom management skills
- Major facility improvements
- A new arts-infused curriculum with reading and math intervention; and
- A robust and successful parent and partner engagement program

The Turnaround Plan has resulted in improved academic achievement, administrative governance, and a new culture of pride, self-esteem and focus on excellence by the entire Potomac Preparatory community.

We recognize that such a school as Potomac Preparatory Charter School is vital to not only the Ward 7 community, but to the underserved student population across the District of

Columbia. Furthermore, Potomac Preparatory has become a beacon of hope to the parents, grandparents and guardians who have invested in their children's lives and futures.

The Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D fully supports the Potomac Preparatory Charter School and requests that the Public Charter School Board rescinds its decision to initiate charter revocation and vote to approve charter continuance for Potomac Preparatory Charter School.

Should you have any questions of the ANC 7D Commission, please do not hesitate to contact our office via phone at 202-780-7440 or via email at 7D@anc.dc.gov.

Sincerely,

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