



April 1, 2015

Kent C. Boese
Chairman, ANC 1A
By Electronic Mail: 1A08@anc.dc.gov

Dear Chariman Boese,

Meridian Public Charter School has been your neighbor for 16 years and is a PK-8 public school, serving 620 racially diverse students (62% African-American, 36% Hispanic/Latino, and 2% other). A community-based public charter school, Meridian PCS was established in ANC 1B04 in 1999 to improve the lives of students and their families in the District of Columbia. Since the doors opened 16 years ago, Meridian PCS has strived to be a leading educational institution that provides our families and students a safe and rewarding environment.

With a renewed emphasis on instructional quality, Meridian PCS has experienced rapid growth over the past several years to meet the demands of the low-income families from all wards seeking improvement in educational outcomes. Our projected enrollment for 2015-16 is now over 700 students with a growing waiting list of families. The limited physical capacity of our current building would force the administration to turn away students leaving families with, often, less than desirable options for their child's education. To alleviate this capacity concern Meridian will be partnering with entities to move into 3301 14th Street NW. The space currently hosts DC Bilingual PCS. We expect that there will be little traffic impact in the community from this effort. We continue to work closely with MPD's Third District on public safety and traffic management drop off and pick up of our students.

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Meridian is excited to partner with our neighbors to make a difference in education for DC. We invite your questions, as always, and hope that you can join our excitement in our growth. We appreciate every effort you have made to be an excellent partner and look forward to further community collaboration.

A hearing for public comment will be held on April 20th at the DC Public Charter School Board offices in Columbia Heights.

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Siddall
Chairman
Meridian PCS Board of Trustees