



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:  
Competency-Based Learning Waiver – **Friendship PCS**  
ACTION: Open for Public Comment  
PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: June 22, 2020

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**SUMMARY:** The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comments on a written request from Friendship Public Charter School (Friendship PCS) on May 15, 2020. The school seeks a waiver to offer competency-based learning (CBL) units, which requires an amendment to its charter agreement.<sup>1</sup>

Currently in its twenty-second year of operation, Friendship PCS educates students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 through 12 across 16 campuses. One of its campuses, Friendship PCS – Collegiate Academy, has a virtual high school program known as Collegiate Online. Beginning in school year (SY) 2020-21, Friendship PCS proposes offering CBL units to students who are enrolled in or complete coursework through Collegiate Online. If approved, students will have the option to learn content at their own pace, earning CBL credits that count towards graduation. Per Friendship PCS, unlike traditional Carnegie credits, the CBL approach will “ensure that these students meet their academic, extra-curricular, and professional goals, while staying engaged in school and earning a high school diploma.”

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 22, 2020.

- The public hearing will be on June 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm. For the location, please check [www.dcpccb.org](http://www.dcpccb.org).
- The vote will be on July 20, 2020, at 6:30 pm. For the location, please check [www.dcpccb.org](http://www.dcpccb.org).

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by “Friendship PCS – Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Competency-Based Learning Waiver,” by any one of the methods listed below.<sup>2</sup>

1. Submit a written comment\* via
  - a) E-mail: [public.comment@dcpccb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpccb.org)
  - b) Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010

\*Please select only one of the actions listed.

2. Sign up to testify in person at the public hearing on June 22, 2020 by emailing a request to [public.comment@dcpccb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpccb.org) no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 18, 2020.

**Contact:** If you have questions, contact Melodi Sampson, Senior Manager of School Quality and Accountability, at [msampson@dcpccb.org](mailto:msampson@dcpccb.org) or 202-330-2046.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to revise its charter.

<sup>2</sup> DC PCSB reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all your submission that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language.