



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:  
**Rocketship Education DC PCS – Temporary Facility**  
ACTION: Open for Public Comment  
PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: July 20, 2020

**SUMMARY:** The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a written request from Rocketship Education DC Public Charter School (Rocketship PCS) on June 29, 2020 to amend its charter agreement. The school seeks emergency authorization to operate a temporary facility during school year (SY) 2020-21.<sup>1</sup>

Currently in its fourth year of operation, Rocketship PCS educates students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 through 5. In SY 2020-21, Rocketship PCS will open a new campus called Rocketship PCS – Infinity Community Prep (Rocketship PCS – Infinity). Rocketship PCS – Infinity will permanently operate in a Ward 5 facility located at 5450 3rd Street NE. The facility has been under renovation since late 2019, and the school expects the renovation to be complete by the middle of July 2020. As a contingency, the school proposes operating in a temporary facility located at 711 Edgewood Street NE if the renovation is not complete on time. The school would remain at the temporary facility for no more than 90 days.

Rocketship PCS – Infinity will co-locate with Social Justice Public Charter School (Social Justice PCS). Rocketship PCS – Infinity projects a 180-student population. Social Justice PCS projects a 65-student population.<sup>2</sup>

DC PCSB typically provides a 30-day public comment period on facility amendments, as well as at least 30 business days' notice to affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. However, this temporary facility amendment is being requested on an emergency basis due to potential COVID-19-related delays in construction at the school's permanent facility, which may prevent it from being ready in time for the start of SY 2020-21. It is vital that the school secure approval for this temporary facility as soon as possible as a contingency to ensure it is able to serve students and families in SY 2020-21 and avoid displacement of families.

**DATES:**

- Comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 2020.
- The public hearing and 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 "Rocketship PCS – Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Temporary Facility," by any one of the methods listed below.<sup>3</sup>

1. Submit a written comment\* via
  - a) E-mail: [public.comment@dcpcs.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpcs.org)

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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, which includes its facility.

<sup>2</sup> Both the permanent and temporary facilities have enough square footage to enable the schools to adopt appropriate physical distancing practices in response to COVID-19.

<sup>3</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.

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 July 20, 2020 by emailing a request to [public.comment@dcpcs.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpcs.org) no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

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