

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from Goodwill Excel Center Public Charter School (Goodwill Excel PCS) to amend its charter to operate at a second facility. The school submitted its request on March 23, 2021. On April 6, 2021, Goodwill Excel PCS corrected its proposed address.

Currently in its fifth year of operation, Goodwill Excel PCS educates 360 students aged 14 or older. The school's mission is "to transform adult lives through the power of achieving a high school diploma and accessing post-secondary education and careers in growing sustainable local industries."

Goodwill Excel PCS operates one facility at 1776 G Street NW. It seeks to operate a second site at 1201 Maryland Avenue SW to support its anticipated enrollment increase.¹ The school expects to open the new facility midway through SY 2021 – 22 and intends to divide its student population equally across both facilities.

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 location.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The public hearing will be on May 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The vote will be on June 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Please check <u>www.dcpcsb.org</u> for the location for these meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before May 17, 2021.² You may submit comments identified by "Goodwill Excel PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Additional Facility" by any one of the methods listed below.

- 1. Submit a written comment via
 - a) E-mail: public.comment@dcpcsb.org
 - b) Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14th Street NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010
- 2. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by e-mailing a request to <u>public.comment@dcpcsb.org</u> no later than noon on May 17, 2021
- 3. Submit voicemail testimony by phone: Call (202)-328-2660, select option 2. (You will have up to five minutes to record your testimony. Please note that all comments will be transcribed and made available to the public upon receipt.)

¹ In February 2021, DC PCSB's Board approved Goodwill Excel PCS to increase its enrollment ceiling to serve an additional 190 students by school year 2023 – 24.

² 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.