



Notice of Request to Amend Charter:
Campus Name Change, Facility Name and Address Update,
Program Relocation, Reconfiguration – **KIPP DC PCS**
Open for Public Comment
Public Comment Accepted Until June 21, 2021

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from KIPP DC Public Charter School (PCS) to amend its charter by 1) renaming one of its campuses, 2) updating the name and address of one of its facilities, 3) relocating one of its programs, and 4) reconfiguring two of its campuses. The school submitted its request on May 24, 2021. KIPP DC PCS submitted a revised request on June 7, 2021.

Currently in its twentieth year of operation, KIPP DC PCS enrolls 6,963 students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 through 12 across 18 campuses in Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8. The school's mission is to provide "highly skilled teachers and leaders, more time in school, a rigorous college preparatory-curriculum, and a strong culture of high expectations and support [to] help our students make significant academic gains and continue to excel in high school and college."

KIPP DC PCS requests to identify KIPP DC Somerset College Preparatory PCS as KIPP DC Legacy College Preparatory PCS. The school also seeks to recognize its latest property attainment, the site of the former Ferebee-Hope School, as the Highlands facility. Additionally, KIPP DC PCS asks to recognize the property as being located at both 3999 8th Street SE and 700 Yuma Street SE. (The DC Department of General Services uses the two addresses interchangeably in reference to the site.) Finally, KIPP DC PCS proposes relocating The Learning Center from its Douglass facility (2600 Douglass Road SE) to its Wheeler facility (3301 Wheeler Road SE).¹ If approved, all changes will take effect ahead of school year (SY) 2021 – 22.

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 campus and facility names and location.

UPDATE SINCE INITIAL POSTING: On June 3, 2021, KIPP DC PCS informed DC PCSB that it seeks an additional charter agreement amendment. The school requests approval to reconfigure two of its campuses—KIPP DC Inspire Academy PCS and KIPP DC Honor Academy PCS—which operate in the local education agency's Wheeler facility. In SY 2021 – 22, KIPP DC Inspire Academy PCS is authorized to enroll students in grades 1 – 4, and KIPP DC Honor Academy PCS is authorized to enroll students in grades 5 – 8. Instead, KIPP DC PCS proposes enrolling students in grades

¹ The Learning Center is where KIPP DC PCS educates students with high-need disabilities from across the KIPP DC PCS network.

1 – 3 at KIPP DC Inspire Academy PCS and enrolling students in grades 4 – 8 at KIPP DC Honor Academy PCS during SY 2021 – 22. KIPP DC PCS seeks to enroll fourth graders to KIPP DC Inspire Academy PCS (and cease enrolling fourth graders at KIPP DC Honor Academy PCS) beginning in SY 2022 – 23. KIPP DC PCS is submitting a revised charter agreement amendment application capturing its latest request.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The public hearing and vote will be on June 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Please check www.dcpccb.org to register to attend the virtual meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before June 21, 2021.² You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment identified by “KIPP DC PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Campus Name, Facility Name and Address Update, Program Relocation” via
 - a) E-mail: public.comment@dcpccb.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. Submit voicemail testimony by calling (202) 328-2660 and selecting 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
3. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by e-mailing a request to public.comment@dcpccb.org no later than noon on June 21, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Melodi Sampson, Senior Manager of School Quality and Accountability, at msampson@dcpccb.org.

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.