

Notice of Request to Amend Charter: New Location – **DC Prep PCS** Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until November 15, 2021

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from DC Prep Preparatory Academy Public Charter School (DC Prep PCS) to amend its charter by listing a new location. The school submitted its request on September 16, 2021.

Founded in school year 2003 – 04, DC Prep PCS educates over 2,000 students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 through 8. The school operates six campuses in five facilities, which are located in Wards 5, 7, and 8.

The school proposes relocating its DC Prep PCS – Anacostia Middle School campus from 2501 MLK Ave SE to 2330 Pomeroy Rd SE by summer 2022. The proposed facility was home to District of Columbia Public School's Wilkinson Elementary School, which closed in 2009. DC Prep PCS will lease the new facility from DC government; it is negotiating lease terms with the Department of General Services and expects to execute an agreement by October 2021. DC Prep PCS plans to begin renovating the space this fall.

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 November 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The vote will be on December 20, 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 November 15, 2021.² You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

- 1. Submit a written comment identified by "DC Prep PCS Notice of Petition to Amend Charter New Location" 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. 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

¹ DC Prep PCS may eventually seek to transition its DC Prep PCS – Anacostia Elementary School campus to the new facility as well. If it does, DC Prep PCS must petition DC PCSB to further revise its charter.

 $^{^2}$ 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.

- 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@dcpcsb.org no later than noon on November 15, 2021.

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