Notice of Request to Amend Charter:

Campus Relocation – **Digital Pioneers Academy PCS**

Open for Public Comment

**Public Comment Accepted Until: June 27, 2022**

**SUMMARY**: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from Digital Pioneers Academy Public Charter School (Digital Pioneers PCS) to amend its charter agreement. The school seeks authorization to relocate one of its campuses ahead of school year (SY) 2022 – 23. Digital Pioneers PCS submitted its request on March 25, 2022; it updated the request on April 28, 2022.

Digital Pioneers PCS enrolls 434 students in grades 6 – 9. The school is authorized to enroll students in grades 6 – 12 beginning in SY 2024 – 25. Digital Pioneers PCS’s mission is “is to develop the next generation of innovators. We prepare students to meet or exceed the highest academic standards, while cultivating the strength of character necessary to both graduate from four-year colleges and thrive in 21st-century careers.”

Currently, Digital Pioneers PCS operates two campuses across two facilities in Wards 6 and 8. The school seeks to relocate the Digital Pioneers PCS – Johenning campus from 4025 9th Street SE to 908 Wahler Place SE, where it will co-locate with Achievement Preparatory Academy Public Charter School.[[1]](#footnote-1) Digital Pioneers PCS expects to serve grades 6 – 7 at the proposed site in SY 2022 – 23. By SY 2023 – 24, it plans to serve its entire middle school (grades 6 – 8) at the proposed location. The new location is in Ward 8 and is a five-minute walk from the old site.

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 June 27, 2022, at 6:00 pm. The vote will be on July 18, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Please check [www.dcpcsb.org](http://www.dcpcsb.org/) for the location for these meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS**:Commentsmust be submitted on or before June 27, 2022.[[2]](#footnote-2) You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment identified by “Digital Pioneers PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Campus Relocation” via
2. E-mail: [public.comment@dcpcsb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpcsb.org)
3. Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier:Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14th Street NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010
4. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by e-mailing a request to [public.comment@dcpcsb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpcsb.org) no later than noon on June 27, 2022.
5. 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.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT**: Nada Mousa, a Specialist in the School Performance Department, at [nmousa@dcpcsb.org](mailto:nmousa@dcpcsb.org).

1. The school will continue operating the Digital Pioneers PCS – Capitol Hill campus at 709 12th Street SE. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)