

**SUMMARY**: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School (Mundo Verde PCS) to amend its charter agreement. The school proposes operating an additional facility located at 817 Varnum Street NE ahead of school year (SY) 2024 – 25. Mundo Verde PCS submitted its request on October 24, 2022; the school updated its request on October 26, 2022.<sup>1</sup>

Mundo Verde PCS opened in 2011. The school educates over 1,000 students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 through five across two facilities in Ward 5. Mundo Verde PCS's mission is to "foster high levels of academic achievement among a diverse group of students by preparing them to be successful and compassionate global stewards of their communities through an engaging curriculum focused on sustainability and biliteracy."

The school proposes operating its Mundo Verde PCS – Calle Ocho campus across two facilities: 1) the existing facility located at 4401 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE, and 2) a soon-to-bebuilt facility located at 817 Varnum Street NE. The proposed site is kitty-corner to the current site. Mundo Verde PCS seeks the additional space to offer its "program at full scale" as planned when the school sought and received approval to replicate its model in June 2017.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**: The public hearing will be on December 19, 2022, at 6:00 pm. The vote will be on January 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Please check <u>www.dcpcsb.org</u> for the meeting location.

**PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS**: Comments must be submitted on or before December 19, 2022.<sup>2</sup> You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

- 1. Submit a written comment identified by "Mundo Verde PCS Notice of Petition to Amend Charter Facility" via
  - a) E-mail: <a href="mailto:public.comment@dcpcsb.org">public.comment@dcpcsb.org</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</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
- 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 December 19, 2022.
- 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.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT**: Melodi Sampson, a Director in the School Performance Department, at <u>msampson@dcpcsb.org</u>.