



Notice of Charter Reviews – **Multiple Schools:**

Harmony PCS

Roots PCS

Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until June 24, 2024

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comments on the DC public charter schools listed below which are up for a charter review on June 24, 2024. Pending DC PCSB staff's analysis, the Board may elect to do one of the following for schools up for review: 1) continue the school's charter without conditions, 2) conditionally continue the school's charter by imposing annual or interim targets or requirements it must meet, or 3) commence charter revocation proceedings.

1. Harmony Public Charter School (Harmony PCS)

Harmony PCS is up for its 10-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 5, where it serves students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 (PK3) – 5. Its mission is “to prepare students for higher learning in a safe, caring, and collaborative atmosphere through a quality learner-centered educational program with a strong emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.”

2. Roots Public Charter School (Roots PCS)

Roots PCS is up for its 25-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 4, where it serves students in grades PK3 – 5. Its mission is “to offer a culturally relevant (African-centered) and academically stimulating curriculum. We seek to promote and secure the connection of mother Africa within our children; Prepare students to break the chains of psychological conditioning that attempts to keep them powerless in all phases of society; Provide students with a strong African-centered learning environment; Guide students toward academic excellence, exemplary character, and social responsibility; Encourage success leading to self-reliance and economical, social, and political contributions to society.”

Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., DC PCSB is required to review each DC public charter school's performance at least once every five years.

PUBLIC MEETING: DC PCSB will discuss and vote on Harmony PCS and Roots PCS on June 24, 2024, at 6:00 pm. Please check www.dcpccb.org to register to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before June 24, 2024.¹ You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by going to <https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment>. Click on the “Sign up to Testify at the Meeting” tab to fill out the form. The deadline to sign up to testify is noon on June 24, 2024.
2. Submit a written comment identified via
 - a. Online form at <https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment>
 - b. Postal Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 100 M Street SE, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20003.
3. Submit audio testimony by phone: Call (202) 328-2660 and 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: Gina Lucchesi, a Senior Specialist in the School Performance Department, at glucchesi@dcpcsb.org.

¹ 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.