

Notice of Petition to Amend Charter: Facility – **The Next Step PCS** Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until September 16, 2024

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a request from The Next Step Public Charter School (The Next Step PCS) to amend its charter agreement by relocating one of its two facilities. The school submitted its request on July 26, 2024.¹

Currently in its 26th year of operation, The Next Step PCS educates 510 adult learners ages 16 through 30 across two facilities located at 3047 15th Street NW and 1420 Columbia Road NW in Ward 1. The Next Step PCS seeks authorization to relocate its offices and classrooms from its ancillary facility at 1420 Columbia Road NW to 3333 14th Street NW 0.6 miles away.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The public hearing will be on September 16, 2024, at 6 p.m. The vote will be on October 28, 2024, at 6 p.m. Please visit https://dcpcsb.org/events to register to attend the meeting.

HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS: To ensure your comment is processed and reviewed,² please use one of the methods below:

- 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 September 16, 2024.
- 2. Submit a written comment identified via
 - a. Online form at https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment
 - Postal Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 100 M Street SE, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003

Please note DC PCSB accepts written comments on or before 11:59 p.m. September 16, 2024.

¹ Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to 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.



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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 OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT

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