



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:  
Mission Statement and Virtual Program Amendment Request –  
**Breakthrough PCS**  
Open for Public Comment  
Public Comment Accepted Until October 28, 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 Breakthrough Montessori Public Charter School (Breakthrough PCS) to amend its charter agreement. The school seeks approval to update its mission statement by specifying the target population and improving syntax. The school submitted its application on September 9, 2024.

In its 8<sup>th</sup> year of operation, Breakthrough PCS enrolls 369 students in grades PK3 – 6. Its current and proposed mission statements are as follows:

Current Mission	Proposed Mission
To provide families in Washington, DC with a fully implemented, public Montessori program that enables children to develop within themselves the power to shape their lives and the world around them.	To provide diverse families in Washington, DC with a fully implemented, public Montessori education that enables children to develop within themselves the power to share their lives and the world around them.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** The public hearing will be on October 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The vote will be on November 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Please visit [www.dcpccb.org](http://www.dcpccb.org) to register.

**HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS:** You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.<sup>1</sup>

1. Testify during the public meeting on October 28, 2024. To register, please visit <https://dcpccb.org/public-comment>. Click “Sign up to Testify at the Meeting,” then complete the form. Please note you must sign up no later than noon on October 28, 2024.
2. Submit a written comment on or before 11:59 pm the day before the public meeting via
  - a. “Submit a Written Comment” at <https://dcpccb.org/public-comment>.

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<sup>1</sup> DC PCSB reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse, or remove any or all of a submission that it may deem inappropriate for publication, such as obscenities.



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- b. Postal mail, hand delivery, or courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 100 M Street SE, Ste 400, Washington, DC 20003.
3. Submit voicemail testimony by calling (202) 328-2660 and selecting option 2. You will have up to five minutes to record your testimony. All comments will be transcribed and made available to the public upon receipt.

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