

**SUMMARY:** The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comments on proposed revisions to the *ASPIRE Policy & Technical Guide*, the authoritative reference for ASPIRE components and business rules. As part of its commitment to ensuring the ASPIRE System is a reliable and transparent measure of school performance, the *ASPIRE Policy & Technical Guide* will generally be updated annually to reflect necessary refinements and clarifications that have surfaced, particularly during the academic production cycle. The proposed revisions cover three areas: minor business rules clarifications, floors and targets, and expanding approved certifications and assessments. Most of these updates are driven by feedback directly from schools.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** There will be a public hearing on May 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The vote will be on June 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Please visit [www.dcpccb.org/events](https://www.dcpccb.org/events) to register.

**PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 19, 2025.<sup>1</sup> You may submit comments identified by “ASPIRE Policy & Technical Guide – Notice of Petition to Revise” via one of the following methods.

1. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by going to <https://dcpccb.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 the day of each public hearing.
2. Submit a written comment via:
  - a. Online form at <https://dcpccb.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.Please note DC PCSB accepts written comments on or before 11:59 p.m. the day before the public meeting.
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** Kirsten James, Director, School Performance Department, at [kjames@dcpccb.org](mailto:kjames@dcpccb.org) or (202) 328-2207.

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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.