

**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 April 29, 2025. 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) initiate charter revocation proceedings.

- Social Justice Public Charter School (Social Justice PCS) Social Justice PCS is up for its five-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 5. It serves students in grades 5 – 8. Its mission is: "Social Justice Public Charter School will catalyze an integrated community of middle school students, 5th-8th grade, to be scholar-activists who are designers of a more just world."
- 2. <u>The Sojourner Truth School Public Charter School (Sojourner Truth PCS)</u> Sojourner Truth PCS is up for its five-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 5, where it serves students in grades 6 – 11. The school's mission is: "The mission of Sojourner Truth is to empower students to transform the world. Students at Truth will graduate ready for success in college, career, and life. They will serve as active agents in the construction of peace. They will know who they are, what they want, and where they are going. They can walk into any space, find their place, and make a powerful contribution. Truth achieves this vision through a Montessori education built upon student-led classrooms with a learning environment deliberately designed to enable student engagement in meaningful, authentic work and to foster a close-knit community where students pursue justice and practice stewardship."

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 Social Justice PCS and Sojourner Truth PCS on April 29, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Please check <u>www.dcpcsb.org</u> to register to attend the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS**: Comments must be submitted on or before April 29, 2025.<sup>1</sup> You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

- Sign up to testify during the public hearing by going to <u>https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment.</u> 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 April 29, 2025.
- 2. Submit a written comment identified via
  - a. Online form at <u>https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment</u>
  - 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 Manager in the School Performance Department, at <u>glucchesi@dcpcsb.org</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 your submission that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language.