Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:

**Bridges PCS** – Revised Goals and Academic Achievement

Expectations

ACTION: Open for Public Comment PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: September 21, 2020

**SUMMARY**: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a written request from Bridges Public Charter School (Bridges PCS) on July 30, 2020. The school requests to amend its charter agreement from its current goals and academic achievement expectations aligned to the PMF to negotiated charter goals. The proposal includes a new mission aligned goal, early childhood reading and math goals by grade-band (PK3-PK4, and K-2), state assessment goals in English language arts (ELA) and math (grades 3-5), re-enrollment, and attendance goals.

The proposal accounts for the diversity of the student population that the school serves students with and without special needs.

Launched in 2005 educating 412 students, serving grades PK3-5. When the school originally opened, it focused on educating the whole child through integrated, individualized, developmentally appropriate early child curricula. Approximately 45 percent of the students have a variety of special needs. Through active learning projects and play-based activities, students acquire the integrate skills in all developmental domains: cognitive, social-emotional, self-care, gross and fine motor, and expressive and receptive language.

The percentages of students with special needs, students who are English Language Learners (ELL) and families who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch has been consistent over time. Bridges PCS student population is 36% students with special needs (with 50% of those students having Level 3 and Level 4 IEPs), 42% ELL, with up to 62% families who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch.

Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to revise its charter, which includes its enrollment and grades served.

DATES:

* Comments must be submitted on or before September 21, 2020.
* The public hearing will be on September 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm. For the location, please check [www.dcpcsb.org.](http://www.dcpcsb.org/)
* The vote will be on October 19, 2020, at 6:30 pm. For the location, please check [www.dcpcsb.org.](http://www.dcpcsb.org/)

**ADDRESSES**: You may submit comments, identified by “Bridges PCS – Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Revised Goals and Academic Achievement Expectations,” by any one of the methods listed below.1

1. Submit a written comment\* via
   1. E-mail: [public.comment@dcpcsb.org](mailto:public.comment@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.

* 1. Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14th Street NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010

**\***Please select only one of the actions listed.

1. Sign up to testify in person at the public hearing on September 21 , 2020 by emailing a request to [public.comment@dcpcsb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpcsb.org) no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

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