

Notice of Petition for Charter Continuance:
Charter Reviews – **Multiple Schools**KIPP DC PCS

Mundo Verde Bilingual PCS

The Next Step PCS

ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: February 22, 2021

**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 February 22, 2021. Pending DC PCSB staff's analysis, the Board may elect to do one of the following for each school: 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) commence charter revocation proceedings.

## 1. KIPP DC Public Charter School (PCS):

KIPP DC PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school currently operates 18 campus across seven facilities in Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8 where it serves students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 (PK3) – 12. Its mission is to provide "tuition-free, open enrollment schools, and actively recruit and serve students in the city's most educationally underserved communities. At KIPP DC, there are no shortcuts. Highly skilled teachers and leaders, more time in school, a rigorous college preparatory-curriculum, and a strong culture of high expectations and support help our students make significant academic gains and continue to excel in high school and college."

## 2. Mundo Verde Bilingual PCS:

Mundo Verde PCS is up for its 10-year charter review. The school currently operates two campuses across two facilities in Ward 5 where it serves students in grades PK3 – 5. Its mission is to "foster high levels of academic achievement among a diverse group of students by preparing them to be successful and compassionate global stewards of their communities through an engaging curriculum focused on sustainability and biliteracy."

## 3. The Next Step PCS:

The Next Step PCS is up for its 25-year charter review. The school currently operates a single campus across two facilities in Ward 1 where it serves adultaged students. Its mission is to "provide students who face extraordinary challenges and who are not supported in traditional high schools with the opportunity to continue their education."

Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., the DC PCSB is required to review each DC charter school's performance at least once every five years.

## **DATES**:

- Comments must be submitted on or before February 22, 2021.
- Vote will be held on February 22, 2021 at 6:30pm. For location, please check www.dcpcsb.org.

**ADDRESSES**: You may submit comments, identified by "[School Name] - Notice of Petition for Charter Review," by any one of the methods listed below.

- 1. Submit a written comment via:
  - (a) Email: <a href="mailto:public.comment@dcpcsb.org">public.comment@dcpcsb.org</a>
  - (b) Postal mail: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010
  - (c) Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as postal address above
- 2. Sign up to testify at the board meeting on February 22, 2021 by emailing a request to <a href="mailto:public.comment@dcpcsb.org">public.comment@dcpcsb.org</a> by no later than noon on February 22, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Melodi Sampson, Senior Manager—School Quality and Accountability, at (202) 330-4046; email: msampson@dcpcsb.org.

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