Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:

**Roots PCS** – Revised Goals and Academic

Achievement Expectations

ACTION: Open for Public Comment PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: February 24, 2022

**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 Roots Public Charter School (Roots PCS) on February 7, 2022. The school requests to amend its charter agreement from its current goals and academic achievement expectations aligned to its kindergarten through grade 2 English Language Arts (ELA) negotiated charter goal. The proposal includes replacing their end of year ELA assessment to the Journey’s Continuum assessment in lieu of i-Ready and adopt new business rules that accompany its charter goal proposed change and academic achievement expectations (charter goals). Currently, Roots PCS is using the Journey’s curriculum for instruction and believes the Journey’s Continuum assessment will improve their end of year test results. The school seeks

permission to begin making these adjustments in school year (SY) 2022-23.

Launched in 1999 Roots PCS began operation under the charter authority of the District of Columbia Board of Education (DC BOE). In 2007, after the passage of the Public Education Reform Amendment Act dissolved the DC BOE, DC PCSB became the authorizer of the school, which educates 117 students in grades pre-kindergarten

through eighth grade.

Root PCS seeks to provide Washington, DC students with the option to select a culturally relevant school and academically stimulating curriculum. Root PCS aims to empower youth by exposing them to their great heritage and instilling in them African centered values and beliefs that support exemplary character and social responsibility.

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 February 28, 2022.
* The public hearing will be on February 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm. For the location, please check [www.dcpcsb.org.](http://www.dcpcsb.org/)
* The vote will be on March 21, 2021, at 6:00 pm. For the location, please check [www.dcpcsb.org.](http://www.dcpcsb.org/)

**ADDRESSES**: You may submit comments, identified by “Roots PCS – Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Revised Goals and Academic Achievement Expectations,” by any one of the methods listed below.[[1]](#footnote-1)1

1. Submit a written comment\* via
   1. E-mail: [public.comment@dcpcsb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpcsb.org)
   2. 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 February 28, 2022 by

emailing a request to [public.comment@dcpcsb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpcsb.org) no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, February 24, 2022.

**For Further Information**, **contact** Quinhon N. Scott, Ed.D., Specialist, at

[qscott@dcpcsb.org](mailto:qscott@dcpcsb.org) or 202-330-4055.

1. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)