



REVISED Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:
**Campus Reconfiguration, Program Replication and Asset Acquisition
Friendship PCS**

ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: **January 25, 2019**

SUMMARY: This is a revised notice from the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board's (DC PCSB) previous announcement (<http://bit.ly/2Rm1LHj>) about an opportunity for the public to submit comments on a request submitted by Friendship Public Charter School (Friendship PCS) to amend its charter. Since the school submitted its original amendment application on November 2, 2018, to request a program replication and campus reconfiguration at its Armstrong campus, the school has added another request for a new location to acquire the assets of Ideal Academy Public Charter School (Ideal Academy PCS) effective for school year (SY) 2019-20.

Friendship PCS is currently in its nineteenth year of operation serving students in grades PK3-12 at twelve campuses across the District. The school requests the following amendments:

1) Campus Reconfiguration at Friendship-Armstrong:

The school seeks to reconfigure its Armstrong campus, from one campus serving grades PK3-5 to two campuses that respectively serve grades PK3-3 and 4-8. The proposed configuration is similar to how Friendship PCS's other elementary/middle campuses are configured, and the school believes this amendment will support its efforts to increase re-enrollment by allowing families to stay enrolled at the Armstrong campus longer. Currently, the school reports it's losing enrollment for siblings in different grade levels because parents must enroll their children elsewhere to keep siblings together at a single PK3-8 school. The proposed amendment does not require an enrollment ceiling increase, and if approved, will be effective for SY 2019-20.

2) New Location and Asset Acquisition

Also effective next school year, Friendship PCS seeks to assume operation of Ideal Academy PCS and acquire its assets, including Ideal Academy PCS's facility at 6130 North Capitol St NW, in Ward 4. If approved, Friendship PCS will continue educational services for Ideal Academy PCS students effective July 1, 2019. Ideal Academy's existing PK3 -8 campus would become two campuses serving grades PK3 – 3 and 4-8, and Friendship PCS would replicate its existing academic program at the acquired school. All students currently enrolled at Ideal Academy PCS in SY 2018-19 will be eligible to re-enroll at the acquired school for SY 2019-20 without going through the My School DC Common Lottery.



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DATES:

- Comments may be submitted on or before January 25, 2018¹.
- Public hearing and board vote will be held on December 17, 2018, beginning at 5:00 pm. For location, please check www.dcpccb.org

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “Friendship PCS - Notice of Petition for Reconfiguration/Replication/Asset Acquisition,” by any of the following methods:

1. Submit a written comment via:
 - (a) E-mail*: public.comment@dcpccb.org
 - (b) Postal mail*: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14th ST. NW., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010
 - (c) Hand Delivery/Courier*: Same as postal address above
2. Sign up to testify in-person at the public hearing on December 17, 2018 by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpccb.org by no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 13.

*Please select only one of the actions listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please call (202) 328-2660.

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 While the vote for these amendments will occur on December 17, 2018, DC PCSB will work with the schools and communities to address any issues raised in public comment on or before the January 25 deadline.