

Section C1. **New Campus Location or Additional Facility**

***ONLY complete this section if applying to amend a Facility or New Location.**

Any school that is planning to operate a new campus in an existing (or new) location or relocate an existing campus, whether temporarily or permanently, and even if it is taking over an existing campus of another public charter school, must notify DC PCSB of the change and amend its charter agreement to include the new address.

DC PCSB will generally approve a campus addition or relocation amendment, if the school has made documented and meaningful effort to engage the community, including the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC), and has made an effort to address their concerns, if any. The school must show proof that it has taken into consideration the current families attending the school and their transportation needs, at least for the first year of operation in the new location.

1. Please check the reason below that best describes your proposed change.
 - Entire campus or school is relocating from current location to a new location.
 - A single campus is both staying in its current location AND expanding into a second location (e.g. some grades in one facility and some in a second facility to allow more space, or until a permanent larger facility is found).
 - School is creating a new campus being housed in a new facility (Note: Please complete [Section A2: Program Replication](#))
2. List all the facilities and addresses the school currently operates, along with the new facility(ies) the LEA plans to operate if approved. Include the campus(es) located in each facility, highlighting any changes from what is currently written in the school's charter agreement.

Statesmen is currently incubating in space at Rocketship Legacy Prep, 4250 Massachusetts Ave. SE, Washington D.C. 20019 in Ward 7. The sublease with Rocketship Education D.C. Public Charter School was signed on June 29, 2018, and effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The sublease has no option or right to renew or extend the terms and carries significant penalties if Statesmen does not vacate the building by June 30, 2019.

As a result, in February 2019, Statesmen signed a two-year sublease with Building Pathways for space in the P.R. Harris Building located at 4600 Livingston Road SE, Washington D.C. 20032 in Ward 8. If approved, Statesmen will be there for two years with an option to stay longer.

We are requesting that our charter be amended to include the new address.

3. Is the proposed new facility a property that you plan to purchase or lease? How many square feet is this space? Which grade level(s) will be at this location? If

you have already purchased or leased the property, provide specific dates of when the property was acquired.

In February, Statesmen signed a two-year sublease with Building Pathways for space in P.R. Harris for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. For the first year of the sublease, Statesmen will be located on the second floor of the P.R. Harris Building with square footage that will accommodate eight classrooms, eleven offices and two suites. The space is large enough for both fourth and fifth grades. The sublease also includes shared use of a kitchen, cafeteria, gymnasium and outdoor space.

Enrollment is projected at approximately 60-65 students per grade. SY19-20 Statesmen will have fourth and fifth grades with total enrollment of 120-130 students.

In July 2020, Statesmen will vacate the second floor of P.R. Harris and occupy the third floor premises currently occupied by National Collegiate Preparatory Public Charter School which is scheduled to close at the end of SY19-20. By then, Statesmen will have grades 4th through 6th.

Written into the sublease with Building Pathways is an exclusive right of first refusal (ROFR) which Statesmen must invoke no later than December 31, 2020. There is currently enough space in P.R. Harris for Statesmen to grow to full-size with grades 4th through 8th and 300-325 students, if it chooses to do so. The ROFR is subject to renegotiation when Building Pathways has full site control of the P.R. Harris Building from the D.C. government.

4. If the school is planning to move a current campus into a new location, please answer the following:
 - a. How will the change in location impact students who currently attend this campus, and how will you ensure that students will re-enroll?

At the beginning of SY18-19 Statesmen told all enrolled families that its location would have to change SY19-20 and that the School's goal was to remain in Ward 7 or 8. Currently, about half of Statesmen's families live in Ward 7, and the other half live in Ward 8.

Of Statesmen's 55 current fourth grade families, 53 have expressed interests in returning for fifth grade. We have conservatively estimated that 45 will actually fully enroll, giving Statesmen a retention rate of 83 percent. Statesmen has offered seats to 18 new fifth graders and currently is not accepting any new students for fifth grade, unless there is a sibling applying for fourth grade.

- b. Given that students are expected to move; how will you support families that need transportation?

There are several families at Statesmen who already carpool. At this time, there are no plans to offer transportation.

5. Describe the neighborhood of the proposed location (e.g. residential, commercial, metro-accessibility). What value will you bring to this community? In your response, list traditional and public charter schools in close proximity to the new location, identifying schools that serve the same grade span as you will serve at full capacity at this location. Describe how the academic performance, demographics, and mission of your school compare to these schools.

As the only all-boys charter school in D.C., Statesmen is unique and designed to answer the community's call for "something different for boys." Its mission is to create a boy-friendly and pedagogy-informed academic environment in which young men are equipped with the academic skills, social competencies, and personal development necessary to navigate life challenges, attend and complete the college of their choice, and return to become the premier agents of social change within and for the communities they serve makes.

As Statesmen approaches the end of its first year, there are many positive signs that the School is making progress in several key areas aligned to its first-year goals:

- The Fall 2018 student survey, which was normed across a national peer group, indicates that staff are creating close relationships with Statesmen scholars.
- Attendance rates are in line with a positive climate, and Statesmen is on track to meet its goals of 92% In-seat and On-time Attendance – In-Seat Attendance is currently at 95.4% and On-time Attendance is at 92.2%.
- Growth in both Math and Reading are strong – 80% of students grew as much or more than their peers across the country in Math and 64% did so for Reading as measured by NWEA MAP.
- Grades have improved from Q1 to Q2.
- Through a generous grant from the Clark Foundation, Statesmen was able to hire both a Director of Student Life and School Counselor early. Both of these positions have been critical to offering students and staff support around mental health and well-being.
- Staff retention is high with no mid-year departures.

P.R. Harris is currently in a densely populated residential neighborhood and the building is home to both Ingenuity Prep PCS (currently Tier 2 with grades PK3-5 and plans to grow to 8th grade), and National Collegiate Prep PCS a high school scheduled for closure. There are no Tier 1 public charter middle schools in Ward 8. There is only one all-boys school in Ward 8, the Bishop Walker School for Boys, a tuition-free Episcopal School at THEARC with grades K-5 and

enrollment capped at 16 students per grade.

Statesmen is likely to compete with Ingenuity Prep, Achievement Prep - Wahler Place Middle (grades 4-8), Center City - Congress Heights (PK3-8), and KIPP DC- AIM Academy (grades 5-8) for students living in Ward 8. All of these schools are currently Tier 2. There are two public middle schools in Ward 8 -- Hart Middle School and Johnson Middle School. Because Statesmen starts in fourth grade it may also compete with Leckie, Hendley, King and Malcolm X Elementary Schools for students. However, the uniqueness of Statesmen's program, the academic growth of the current class, and parent satisfaction with the School put it in a good place to attract and retain new students and their families.

6. Describe how you have engaged your school's community in the decision to relocate, expand, or divide into this new location. Submit documentation of your communications with your staff and families regarding this new location. Please explain any potential concerns raised by the school's internal community, including students, teachers, etc.

In the beginning of SY18-19, all families were informed that Statesmen's current location (4250 Massachusetts Avenue, SE) was only for the current school year. Families were also informed that the process of finding a building, negotiating a lease, engaging community stakeholders and having family buy-in would be one that would take several months to achieve. It remains Statesmen's priority to retain the students it currently has, and it is the main reason every effort was made to find a new location in Ward 7 or 8.

We also knew we could lose some students based on the new location's distance from our current one, even if we remained in either ward. We updated families regularly during the Principal's "Chat and Chew" meetings and during quarterly award ceremonies, which can also be viewed live on Facebook. Once we had a final location and a signed Letter of Intent from Building Pathways, we informed our families during an awards ceremony on February 7, 2019. After announcing the new address, we delivered "Intent to Re-Enroll" documentation which was used to determine the number of families who planned to attend for the upcoming school year. 53 of our 55 families completed the form to re-enroll knowing the new location. To date, 41 current families are fully-enrolled for next school year.

We continue to use social media as a platform to reach out and engage current families. Because families and staff knew and have been regularly updated regarding the search for space, there have been no serious concerns raised.



7. Describe all community outreach that has been done in the local community of the new school location. Submit documentation of communications with nearby principals, neighbors, ANC representatives, Councilmembers, and others, notifying them of your plans.

Within a week of signing a sublease with Building Pathways for space in P.R. Harris, letters and emails were sent to all Ward 8D Commissioners, all members of the Ward 8 Education Council (email only), D.C. Councilmembers Trayon White and David Grosso, SBOE Ward 8 Vice President Markus Batchelor, Deputy Mayor of Education

Paul Kihn and other Statesmen grantors and supporters (letters attached below/signatures included on PDFs).

Councilmember White visited Statesmen on March 25, 2019. Statesmen's entire Leadership Team and the Board Chair attended the Ward 8 Ed Council meeting on April 4, 2019, and Ward 8D ANC on April 11, 2019. A follow-up letter and email were sent the day after the Ward 8D ANC meeting to all seven Commissioners (also attached below).

Statesmen's School Team has met with Ingenuity Prep and National Collegiate to begin discussions about shared spaces. Statesmen's Board Chair and Ingenuity Prep's Board Chair also have been in contact. The School and Board are working diligently to make a smooth transition into the new neighborhood.

8. Will there be newly-created slots for additional students? If so, discuss student recruitment efforts in the new school community.

For SY19-20, Statesmen anticipates an enrollment of 60-65 fourth graders and 60-65 fifth graders (total population of 120-130 students). It is its hope that new students are from the community in and around P.R. Harris. The School Team is currently canvassing the community, speaking with families, putting flyers on parked vehicles, attending Ward 8 Ed Council and 8D ANC meetings, as well as visiting local businesses to leave flyers in the event families come in and would like information about Statesmen. To date, 50 families have expressed interests in Statesmen's fourth grade, putting us significantly ahead of where we were this time last year.

9. What is the occupancy maximum at the new location? If the maximum occupancy load for staff and students is less than the total number of staff and students who will occupy the facility at any point in the future, please explain how you will address this issue.

There is adequate space in the P.R. Harris Building for Statesmen to, should it choose to do so, reach maturation with grades 4th through 8th and 300-325 students.

10. In addition to providing a [5-year Operating Budget](#), please answer the following questions regarding the financial impact of the proposed new location:

- a. How much does the proposed new facility cost, and how many students will be served at the new site?

Year one of the sublease requires 100% of Statesmen's funded per pupil facilities allotment for 120 students. Year two of the

sublease requires 100% of Statesmen's funded per pupil facilities allotment for 180 students or audited enrollment, whichever is greater. There is an additional \$5,000 security deposit and a 5% management fee of approximately \$17,000 for year one of the sublease and about \$26,000 for year two of the sublease. The only expenses not included in the sublease are those for security, internet or telephone services and kitchen equipment.

- b. What is the school's per-pupil cost, and how does this compare with its per-pupil allowance?

For SY19-20, Statesmen's per pupil costs is about \$27,000 and its per pupil funding is about \$19,500. The 40 percent gap is equal to \$1.2 million; 85 percent of that gap is already secured for the coming school year. Statesmen is optimistic that additional funds can be raised, and it is in the process of doing that development work now and through the summer.

- c. If you plan to operate multiple facilities, in addition to the proposed new location, what is the LEA's total facilities cost (e.g. lease, plus mortgage)? How does this expense compare with your per-pupil allowance?

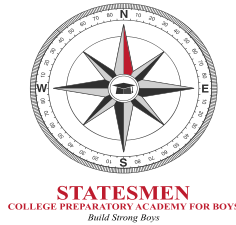
N/A

- d. What additional sources of funding do you plan to use to pay for this new facility.

Building costs are mostly covered in the per pupil facilities allotment.

- e. If applicable, what contingencies do you have in place in case the new location enrolls fewer students than anticipated?

The Board and Leadership Team continue to work in partnership to ensure a balanced budget and have made what both believe are conservative projections regarding enrollment. In SY18-19, we plotted various enrollment scenarios that allowed us to adjust spending to maintain a balanced budget with 30-days cash on hand. We will do the same SY19-20. Currently, Statesmen is projected to end the year with 33 days of cash and \$203,000 total cash.



Ms. Constance Mobley
Advisory Neighborhood Commissions 8D07
19 Atlantic Street SE
Washington D.C. 20032

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Dear Ms. Mobley,

We are writing to introduce ourselves and our school, Statesmen College Preparatory Academy for Boys Public Charter School, which will soon be located in the P.R. Harris Building at 4600 Livingston Road SE. We are committed to two things – the education of black and brown boys east of the river and to being a good neighbor, respectful of the community where we plan to locate.

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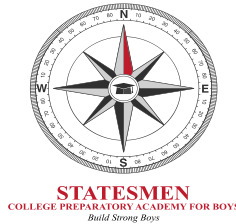
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Best regards,

Shawn Hardnett
Founder & CEO

Nicole Solomon Mitchell
Board Chair

Cc: Ellen Armstead
Patricia Carmon
Monique T. Diop
LaVerne R. Glenn
Olivia L. Henderson, Chair
Absalom Jordan



Mr. Trayon White, Sr.
Ward 8 Councilmember
1350 Pennsylvania Ave. SW
Suite 400
Washington D.C. 20004

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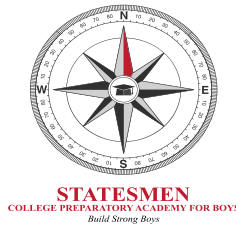
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Please share this letter with anyone who may be interested in learning about Statesmen Academy for Boys PCS. We look forward to your visit later this month. In the meantime, let us know if you have any questions or if you have any suggestions on others we should reach out to as we plan a move to Ward 8. The school's current address is 4250 Massachusetts Ave. SE, and the phone number is 202-688-1701 should you wish to reach us.

Best regards,

Shawn Hardnett
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Mr. David Grosso
At-Large Councilmember
1350 Pennsylvania Ave. SW
Suite 402
Washington D.C. 20004

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We also are aware of your active role in education reform as chairperson of the Committee on Education of the District of Columbia, and we wanted to reach out and share some information about our school as we plan a move to Ward 8.

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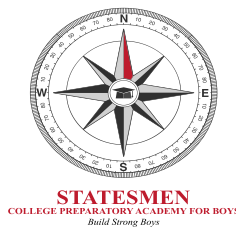
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Mr. Paul Kihn
Deputy Mayor of Education
1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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We also are mindful of the need to work collaboratively with your office on cross-sector initiatives and we continue to look for ways to partner with DCPS, particularly with Ron Brown College Preparatory High School.

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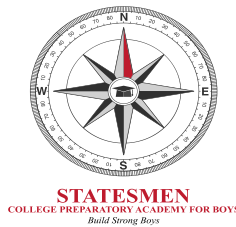
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Mr. Markus Batchelor
Representative & Vice President Ward 8
State Board of Education
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441 4th Street NW, 530S
Washington, D.C. 20001

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Email sent to: Mike Grier & Tina Fletcher on March 12, 2019

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Our School Leadership Team visited more than 50 schools across the nation, spoken with more than 400 black and brown boys and interviewed more than 100 black and brown men. Statesmen Academy for Boys is designed to reflect who they are, what they told us, and how they learn best. We know this starts with warm, caring and trusting relationships and high expectations. The school also has a flexible schedule that allows boys space and time in the day for movement and works hard to make learning relevant and interesting for them. It is a school where every boy is known, loved, challenged, engaged, prepared and celebrated.

Statesmen Academy for Boys follows Common Core State Standards for Math, Science and English Language Arts. It uses Great Minds Wit and Wisdom for Reading and a combination of Eureka and Jump for Math. The school is building its own Humanities curriculum that includes the study of African History, African American and American History, Social Studies with a focus on Social Justice and Civil Rights Movements, and Personal Identity. It features study of the contributions and accomplishments of black and brown men and women to civilization. Meals, uniforms, school supplies and local and international travel are all provided at no cost to parents.

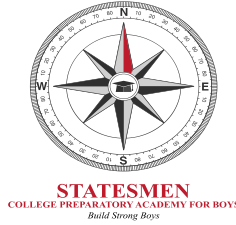
In addition to building an outstanding school for boys, we place a high priority on partnering with others in Ward 8 to ensure that we support and are sensitive to the needs of the community where the school is located. We aim to put our kids and their families' needs first and that means recognizing our role as advocates for better services in the communities in which they live, work and go to school.

Please share this letter with anyone who may be interested in learning about Statesmen Academy for Boys PCS. We also would like to invite you to tour the school at its current location, 4250 Massachusetts Ave SE, or once we have made the move into P.R. Harris in July 2019. Let us know if you have any questions or if you would like us to present our school during a Ward 8 Education Council meeting. The school's current phone number is 202-688-1701 should you wish to reach us.

Best regards,

Shawn Hardnett
Founder & CEO

Nicole Solomon Mitchell
Board Chair



Friday, April 24, 2019

Ms. Olivia Henderson
Chairperson
Advisory Neighborhood Commissions 8D
4612 6th Street SE
Washington D.C. 20032

Dear Commissioner Henderson,

Thank you and the other Ward 8D Commissioners for allowing us to introduce Statesmen College Preparatory Academy for Boys Public Charter School to your community at last night's ANC meeting. It is one of the best managed ANCs that we have visited. While there was plenty of healthy back and forth, the audience was warmly greeted, community members were respectfully engaged, and the time was well-managed. Thanks to you and your team for leadership in the space.

We want to also open by accepting full responsibility for our lack of process knowledge. We did reach out to the DC Public Charter School Board and were told that a Public Meeting is a part of the change of address process – even for schools that are currently existing. Your members were exactly right about that request.

Statesmen's model is designed around four core values – *Relationships, Rigor, Relevance and Resilience*. As mentioned, half of our current families are Ward 8 residents and these young scholars are coming to school every day, being met with high expectations, growing behaviorally and academically while experiencing a college-going atmosphere and a unique approach to learning.

Authentic Relationships is our lead value, among the School Team, its Board of Trustees and elsewhere. Building positive relationships extends outside the School to the community, and we certainly apologize for not reaching out to you in a way



that would build your support and endorsement of Statesmen. We heard your combined frustration during the ANC meeting, and we would like to rectify that in whatever way you suggest. We do want to create a formal opportunity for community members to ask questions and voice any concerns. We followed up immediately with the Public Charter School Board and that will be scheduled for June 17, 2019. More information will be available on the PCSB website in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please tell us specific things we might do to better introduce Statesmen to the community. We really wanted to get off on a better foot.

We also want to clarify that outreach to Councilmember Trayon White, Ward 8D Commissioners and Ward 8 EdCouncil all happened at the same time on the same day. Councilmember White was very clear that we needed to reach out to Ward 8D. He already knew about Statesmen and was introduced to the School when it first opened last year.

Please let us know what we can do to build a better relationship with leaders in Ward 8. There is a standing invitation for you and your team to spend a morning with us at our current location, 4250 Massachusetts Ave SE. You can of course visit us once we have made the move into P.R. Harris, with your endorsement if at all possible, this summer. Let us know if you have any questions. The school's current phone number is 202-688-1701 should you wish to reach us.

Best regards,

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