



Multiple Schools –

Lee Montessori PCS

Meridian PCS

National Collegiate Prep PCHS

Perry Street Prep PCS

Roots PCS

. ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: **December 17, 2018**

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 (PCS) listed below, which are up for a charter review on Monday, December 17, 2018. 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 it must meet, **or** 3) Commence charter revocation proceedings.

1. Lee Montessori PCS:

Lee Montessori PCS is up for its 5-year charter review. The school currently operates a single campus in Ward 5 where it serves students in grades prekindergarten-3 (PK3) through five, and it will add sixth grade next school year. Its mission is to "create a peaceful, multi-age learning environment for preschool and elementary age children that fosters the physical, social, emotional and academic growth and development of students and produces life-long learners using the materials and philosophy developed by Maria Montessori and furthered by the Association Montessori Internationale."

2. Meridian PCS:

Meridian PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school currently operates as a single campus with two facilities in Ward 1 where it serves students in grades PK3-8. Its mission is as follows: "Meridian Public Charter School is a rigorous Pre-K to 8th grade school, which academically and socially prepares its diverse student population to be successful in an increasingly global and technology-based society."

3. National Collegiate Prep PCHS:

National Collegiate Prep PCHS is up for its 10-year charter review. The school currently operates as a single campus in Ward 8 where it serves students in grades 9-12. Its mission is to "offer a rigorous standards-based college preparatory curriculum, to maximize our students' academic achievement, provide an interdisciplinary curriculum that combines international studies themes that would offer an opportunity for an International Baccalaureate (IB) education, and prepare our students to be self-directed, lifelong learners equipped to be engaged citizens of their school, community, country, and world."

4. Perry Street Prep PCS:

Perry Street Prep PCS is up for its 20-Year charter review. The school currently operates a single campus in Ward 5 where it serves students in grades PK3-8. Its mission is as follows: "Perry Street Prep is a community of diverse learners that builds relationships with families and empowers students to be college-ready and to thrive in a global society."

5. Roots PCS:

Roots PCS is up for its 20-Year charter review. The school currently operates a single campus with two facilities in Ward 4 where it serves students in grades PK3-5. Its mission is to “offer a culturally relevant (African-Centered) and academically stimulating curriculum. We seek to promote and secure the connection of mother Africa within our children; Prepare students to break the chains of psychological conditioning that attempts to keep them powerless in all phases of society; Provide students with a strong African-Centered learning environment; Guide students toward academic excellence, exemplary character, and social responsibility; Encourage success leading to self-reliance and economical, social, and political contributions to society.”

Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., the DC Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) is required to review each DC charter school’s performance at least once every five years, and if a school wants to continue operating beyond its original 15-year charter it must apply to DC PCSB in its fifteenth year of operation to renew its charter for another 15-year term.

DATES:

- Comments must be submitted on or before December 17, 2018.
- Vote will be held on December 17, 2018, at 5:00 pm. For location, please check www.dcpsb.org.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “School Name - Notice of Petition for Charter Review,” by any of the following methods:

1. Submit a written comment via:
 - (a) E-mail*: public.comment@dcpsb.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 board meeting on December 17, 2018, by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpsb.org by no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018.

*Please select only one of the actions listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laterica (Teri) Quinn, Senior Manager—School Quality and Accountability, at (202) 328-2660; email: lquinn@dcpsb.org.

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.