

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

Charter Actions Requiring a Vote

- Approve a Charter Application
- Approve a Charter Renewal (15 yrs.)
- Approve Charter Continuance (5 or 10 yrs.)
- Approve a Charter Amendment Request
- Approve a Charter Agreement
- Give a Charter Notice of Concern
- Lift the Charter Notice of Concern
- Commence Charter Revocation Proceedings
- Revoke a Charter
- Board Action, Other _____

Non-Voting Board Items

- Public Hearing Item
- Discussion Item
- Read into Record

Policies

- Open a New Policy or Changes to a Policy for Public Comment
- Approve a New Policy
- Approve Revisions to an Existing Policy

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SUBJECT: Revisions to DC PCSB’s Accreditation Policy: Open for 30 Days of Public Comment

DATE: June 25, 2018

Proposal

The DC Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) staff recommends its Board vote to open for public comment the revised Accreditation Policy, which adds a requirement that schools with residential education programs¹ must obtain accreditation for their residential education programs as well as for their day programs.

DC PCSB is scheduled to hold a public hearing on this matter on July 23, 2018 and will close the public comment period after the hearing is held. The Board will vote on the proposed policy on September 17, 2018.

Written comments may be submitted until 5:30 p.m. on July 23, 2018 by mail or email to:

DC Public Charter School Board
3333 14th Street NW, Suite 210

¹ Pursuant to DC Code § 38-1802.04(c)(14)(D), a school may provide a program of residential education, where students reside on campus or at alternative location(s) during any part of the school year.

Policy Revision

The revised policy clarifies that all programs of education at public charter schools, including the residential education program, must be accredited. Revisions to the policy will include the following language:

Schools with residential education programs must obtain accreditation for their residential education programs in addition to their day programs, following the timeline established under this policy. A currently accredited school with a Board-approved residential education program must ensure that its residential program is fully accredited no later than July 31, 2019. A school with a residential program that is in the accreditation "candidacy phase" by January 1, 2021 must also pursue accreditation for its residential programs by the end of the ninth year of operation.

The revised policy is included as Attachment A. The existing policy can be found on our website [here](#).

Background

There are currently three public charter schools approved to operate residential programs in Washington, DC: SEED Public Charter School PCS, Maya Angelou PCS, and Monument Academy PCS. DC PCSB staff held two meetings with leaders of these schools to discuss improvements to DC PCSB staff monitoring of residential education programs.

Attachments

Attachment A: Accreditation Policy

Date: _____
PCSB Action: _____ Approved _____ Approved with Changes _____ Rejected
Changes to the Original Proposal: _____ _____
Signature: _____