

Notice of Petition to Amend Charter: Charter Reviews and Renewals – **Multiple Schools** Democracy Prep Congress Heights PCS Harmony DC PCS Ideal Academy PCS

ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: November 19, 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 listed below, which are up for a charter review or renewal on Monday, November 19, 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.

Democracy Prep Congress Heights Public Charter School:
 Democracy Prep PCS is up for its 5-Year charter review. The school currently operates a single campus in Ward 8 where it serves students in grades PK3-through 8. Its mission is to "educate responsible citizen-scholars for success in the college of their choice and a life of active citizenship."

2. Harmony DC Public Charter School:

Harmony DC 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 Kindergarten through 5. Its mission is to "prepare students for higher learning in a safe, caring, and collaborative atmosphere through a quality learner-centered educational program with a strong emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics."

3. Ideal Academy Public Charter School:

Ideal Academy PCS is up for its 20-Year charter review. The school currently operates a single campus in Ward 4 where it serves students in grades PK3-8. Its mission is to "empower all students to excel in academics, body, and character, enabling them to become competent and contributing global citizens."

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 November 19, 2018.
- Vote will be held on November 19, 2018, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpcsb.org.

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

- 1. Submit a written comment via:
 - (a) E-mail*: public.comment@dcpcsb.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 November 19, 2018, by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpcsb.org by no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2018.

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

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