

Notice of Charter Review or Renewal (REVISED): Charter Renewal – City Arts & Prep PCS ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: November 27, 2018

**SUMMARY**: This is a revised notice from the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board's (DC PCSB) previous announcement (<a href="http://bit.ly/2FkTvpz">http://bit.ly/2FkTvpz</a>) about an opportunity for the public to submit comments on City Arts & Prep Public Charter School's (City Arts & Prep PCS) upcoming 15-year charter renewal.

City Arts & Prep PCS currently operates a single campus in Ward 5 where it serves students in grades prekindergarten-3 through 8. Its mission is to "prepare students for success in high school and beyond by providing an academically rigorous learning environment enriched by a diverse performing arts program." Before the DC PCSB Board votes to approve or deny its application for renewal, City Arts & Prep PCS has requested an informal public hearing at its campus on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the school's performance and allow representatives from City Arts & Prep PCS to address DC PCSB's board directly to answer any questions the Board has about its program. The DC PCSB Board will not vote on the school's continuance at the informal hearing but will schedule a follow-up date after the hearing to vote on this matter. At the time of its vote, the Board may elect to do one of the following: 1) Continue the school and renew its charter for another 15-year term, 2) Conditionally continue the school's charter by imposing annual or interim targets it must meet, **or** 3) Initiate charter revocation proceedings.

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. City Arts & Prep PCS submitted a renewal application to DC PCSB on October 4, 2018.

## DATES:

- Comments must be submitted on or before November 27, 2018.
- Informal Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at City Arts & Prep PCS, 705 Edgewood Street NE, Washington, DC 20017.

**ADDRESSES**: You may submit comments, identified by "City Arts & Prep - Notice of Petition for Charter 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 Street NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010
  - (c) Hand Delivery/Courier\*: Same as postal address above
- 2. Sign up to testify in-person at the informal hearing on November 27, 2018, by emailing a request to <a href="mailto:public.comment@dcpcsb.org">public.comment@dcpcsb.org</a> by no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, November 26, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Laterica (Teri) Quinn, Senior Manager—School Quality and Accountability, at (202) 328-2660; email: <a href="mailto:lquinn@dcpcsb.org">lquinn@dcpcsb.org</a>.

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.

<sup>\*</sup>Please select only one of the actions listed above.