



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:
Ages Served – **The Next Step/El Proximo Paso PCS**

ACTION: Open for Public Comment
PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: **January 28, 2019**

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a written request submitted by The Next Step Public Charter School/El Proximo Paso (Next Step PCS) on December 13, 2018 to expand the ages served at its program, from 16-24 to 16-30, effective for school year (SY) 2019-20.

The Next Step PCS is currently in its twenty third year of operation educating adult students ages 16-24. The school is a single campus local education agency that currently operates in Ward 1. Effective for SY 2019-20, the school proposes to increase the ages served at its adult program from 16-24 to 16-30. Next Step PCS currently offers three academic tracks—GED in English; GED in Spanish; and English as a Second Language—which it offers during both day and evening programs. If approved, the school proposes to offer the day program strictly to students aged 16-24, but the night school will educate students through age 30. As part of its amendment application, the school provided a detailed letter stating that Next Step surveyed its existing staff to determine their level of support for this amendment. Based on the feedback, the school determined the night program was the best option for serving students above age 24.

Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to revise its charter, which includes its ages/grades served.

DATES:

- Comments must be submitted on or before January 28, 2019.
- Public hearing will be held on January 28, 2019, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpccb.org.
- Vote will be held on February 25, 2019, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpccb.org.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “Next Step PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Ages Served,” by any of the following methods:

1. Submit a written comment via:
 - (a) E-mail*: public.comment@dcpccb.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 public hearing on January 28, by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpccb.org by no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2019.

*Please select only one of the actions listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laterica (Teri) Quinn, Senior Manager, at (202) 328-2660; email: lquinn@dcpccb.org.

DC PCSB reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language.