Notice of Petition to Open for Public Comment:

Student Protection Policy

ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: **May 20, 2019**

**SUMMARY**: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on the Student Protection Policy.

DC PCSB is committed to working with schools to find ways to reduce and prevent sexual assault, abuse, and harassment in schools. Currently, schools must have a policy around sexual violations and confirm to DC PCSB that their policy regarding sexual violations has been reviewed by all staff members annually.

If approved, this proposed Student Protection Policy would:

* Require schools to submit for DC PCSB review their policies to prevent and address:
	+ student sexual abuse by staff, and
	+ student-on-student acts of sexual harassment, sexual assault, and dating violence; and
* Establish a list of specific requirements that each school must address in these policies.

The proposed policy aligns DC PCSB oversight with the [School Safety Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018](http://lims.dccouncil.us/Download/40929/B22-0951-SignedAct.pdf), which requires schools to adopt and implement policies to prevent and address child sexual abuse by staff and student-on-student sexual harassment, assault, and dating violence.

**DATES**:

* Comments must be submitted on or before May 20, 2019.
* Public hearing and the vote have been delayed until further notice.

**ADDRESSES**: You may submit comments, identified by “NAME,” by any of the following methods:

1. Submit a written comment via:
2. E-mail\*: public.comment@dcpcsb.org
3. Postal mail\*: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14th ST. NW., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010
4. Hand Delivery/Courier\*: Same as postal address above
5. Sign up to testify in-person at the public hearing on May 20, 2019, by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpcsb.org by no later than 4 p.m. on May 20 , 2019.

**\***Please select only one of the actions listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Audrey Williams, Senior Manager Intergovernmental Relations 202-328-2748, email: awilliams@dcpcsb.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.