



Revisions of DC PCSB's Accreditation Policy

ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: **November 23, 2017**

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board ("PCSB") announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on revisions to the Accreditation Policy. Under the current Accreditation Policy, schools must be accredited by the end of their fifth year of operation. DC PCSB staff proposes this change: A school must begin the accreditation process and enter into a contract with an approved accrediting agency by December of its seventh year of operation, and fully accredited by the end of its ninth year of operation. This proposed change accounts for the fact that most schools have not reached their terminal grade by the end of their fifth year. Accrediting agencies only accredit a school for grades they serve, leaving schools to have to apply in subsequent years for additional grades that their school adds.

DATES:

- Comments must be submitted on or before November 23, 2017.
- Public hearing will be held on Monday, November 20, 2017. For location, please check www.dcpcsb.org.
- Vote will be held on Monday, December 18, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpcsb.org.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by "Rashida Young--Accreditation Policy" 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 public hearing on November 20th, by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpcsb.org by no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 16th.

*Please select only one of the actions listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rashida Young, Senior Manager of the Equity and Fidelity Team, at email ryoung@dcpcsb.org.

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