



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:
Goals and Academic Achievement Expectations –**Creative Minds PCS**

ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: January 25, 2016

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (“DC PCSB”) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a request submitted by Creative Minds International Public Charter School (“Creative Minds PCS”) on December 4, 2015 to amend its goals and academic achievement expectations.

Creative Minds PCS was established in 2012 with a mission to “offer students a rigorous education plan that provides them with the skills required for successful participation in a global society.” The school offers an inclusive learning community for a diverse student population that includes approximately 30% students with disabilities and approximately 25% economically disadvantaged students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch. The school is requesting to amend its charter agreement by revising four of its goals, including: (1) changing its math assessments (2) revising its ELA goal to permit credit for both growth and achievement, and (3) expanding its state assessment goals for both ELA and math to include grades 6 -8 in addition to grades 3-5, which are already written into the school’s existing goals.

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 goals and academic expectations.

DATES:

- Comments must be submitted on or before January 25, 2016.
- Public hearing will be held on January 25, 2016, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpsb.org.
- Vote will be held on February 22, 2016, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpsb.org.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “Creative Minds PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Goals and Academic Expectations,” by any of the following methods:

1. Submit a written comment via:
 - (a) E-mail*: public.comment@dcpsb.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 25, 2016, by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpsb.org by no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2016.

*Please select only one of the actions listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laterica (Teri) Quinn, Equity and Fidelity Specialist, at (202) 328-2660; email: lquinn@dcpsb.org.

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