



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:
Enrollment Ceiling Increase – **Excel Academy PCS**

ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: **April 18, 2016**

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (“DC PCSB”) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a request to amend its number of school days submitted by Excel Academy Public Charter School (“Excel Academy PCS”) on March 7, 2016.

Excel Academy operates a single campus in Ward 8 serving students in grades prekindergarten-3 through eighth. The school would like to amend its charter to require 180 days on the school calendar, instead of the 192 days that are currently required per its existing charter agreement. After reviewing data on the effectiveness of the additional 12 days (known as “Mandatory Saturday Academies”), the school obtained feedback from parents and teachers, and reviewed other schools’ student support strategies in order to develop an alternative student support program that combines targeted, individualized interventions for students that includes afterschool tutoring.

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 number of school days in operation.

DATES:

- Comments must be submitted on or before April 18, 2016.
- Public hearing will be held on April 18, 2016, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpsb.org.
- Vote will be held on May 16, 2016, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpsb.org.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “Excel Academy PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Number of School Days,” 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 April 18th, by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpsb.org by no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 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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