



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:
Enrollment Ceiling Increase and Grades Reconfiguration –KIPP DC PCS

ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: March 21, 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 KIPP DC Public Charter School (“KIPP DC PCS”) on January 29, 2016 to increase its existing enrollment ceiling and to reconfigure the grade levels at two of its existing campuses.

KIPP DC PCS began operation in 2001, and currently serves students in grades pre-kindergarten-3 through twelfth. The local education agency (“LEA”) currently operates 15 campuses that are organized in five clusters of pre-kindergarten through eighth grade programs, and also operates a high school campus. According to the unaudited enrollment count conducted for school year 2015-2016, KIPP DC PCS currently serves 5,201 students.

The LEA is requesting to increase its enrollment by a total of 328 students beginning in SY 2016-2017, and by SY 2020-2021, the LEA is requesting an ultimate enrollment ceiling of 6584 students, which is a total increase of 458 students based on the school’s existing enrollment ceiling. The need for an enrollment ceiling increase is due to the fact that KIPP DC PCS is planning to open new grades at three of its existing schools (Spring, Northeast and Valor Academies) and to expand the size of its high school classes at the College Preparatory campus. KIPP DC PCS is also requesting a campus-level grades reconfiguration at its LEAP campus. During SY 2014-2015, KIPP DC PCS’s Benning facility had the following campuses and respective grades: LEAP Academy with PK3-K, Promise Academy with 1-4, and KEY Academy with 5-8. For SY 2015-2016, KIPP DC PCS shifted the Kindergarten from LEAP to Promise Academy. This shift was reflected in the MySchoolDC lottery profiles posted online for both schools, and it is currently the grades configuration reflected in DC PCSB’s enrollment database. Therefore, KIPP DC PCS simply wants to ensure the accurate grade configurations are recorded in its current charter agreement.

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 enrollment ceiling and grades configurations.

DATES:

- Comments must be submitted on or before March 21, 2016.
- Public hearing will be held on March 21, 2016, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpsb.org.
- Vote will be held on April 18, 2016, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpsb.org.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “KIPP DC PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Enrollment Ceiling Increase/Grade Configuration,” 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 March 21, 2016, by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpsb.org by no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 17th.

*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.

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.