



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – New Facility

**Meridian Public Charter School**

ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: **May 18, 2015**

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**SUMMARY:** The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (“PCSB”) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a request submitted by Meridian Public Charter School (“Meridian PCS”) on April 1, 2015 to amend its charter to add a new location.

Meridian PCS is currently in its 16<sup>th</sup> year of operation serving students in grades prekindergarten-3 through eighth. The school currently operates at a single campus on 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW in Ward 1. In order to provide additional space to serve its students and families, the school is seeking approval from PCSB to add a new facility located at 3031 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. The proposed new facility is also located in Ward 1, and is located within one mile of the school’s current facility. If approved, the school plans to operate and serve students in both facilities beginning in SY 2015-2016.

**UPDATE:** This proposal was first opened for public comment from March 3, 2015 to April 21, 2015, and a public hearing occurred at the Public Charter School Board’s (“PCSB”) April 21, 2015 meeting. However, after the conclusion of PCSB’s April 21, 2015 meeting, two members of the community submitted public comments to PCSB that were deemed concerning. Due to the nature of the public comments received, PCSB has decided to conduct a second public hearing at its May 18, 2015 board meeting, where the Board will discuss all of the written public comments it has received, and members of the community will have one last opportunity to testify in-person at the meeting, prior to the Board’s vote.

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 location.

**DATES:**

- Comments must be submitted on or before the conclusion of the public hearing on May 18, 2015.
- A second and final public hearing will be held on Monday, May 18, at 6:30 pm.
- The Board vote will be held immediately following the public hearing on Monday, May 18, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check [www.dcpccb.org](http://www.dcpccb.org).

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by “Meridian PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter –New Location,” by any of the following methods:

1. Submit a written comment via:
  - (a) E-mail\*: [public.comment@dcpccb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpccb.org)
  - (b) Postal mail\*: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>, by emailing a request to [public.comment@dcpccb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpccb.org) by no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

\*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@dcpccb.org](mailto:lquinn@dcpccb.org).

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