

Notice of New DCPCSB Policy ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: May 22, 2017

**SUMMARY**: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board ("PCSB") announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on The EL Monitoring Policy.

The proposed EL Monitoring Policy outlines local and federal requirements established to ensure academic success for EL students, and provides guidance on how DC PCSB will monitor schools' compliance with these laws. Specifically, this policy identifies flags that may trigger increased monitoring for schools. Furthermore, it explains interventions DC PCSB may use to address potential concerns. The EL Monitoring Policy replaces the previous ELL Policy.

The EL Monitoring Policy is aligned to guidance issued by the Office for Civil Rights in January 2015, and categorizes flags based on specific legal requirements, both academic and non-academic. Academic triggers apply to the quality of the school's English language acquisition and core content programming for ELs while the nonacademic triggers apply to a number of legal compliance and school culture indicators.

## DATES:

- Comments must be submitted on or before May 22, 2017.
- Public hearing will be held on Monday, May 22, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpcsb.org.
- Vote will be held on Monday, June 19, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpcsb.org.

**ADDRESSES**: You may submit comments, identified by ``NAME," 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 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 May 22, by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpcsb.org by no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 18.

\*Please select only one of the actions listed above.

OCR Guidance: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-el-201501.pdf



## **CHARTER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katherine

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