



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Mission, Goals, Enrollment Ceiling and Curriculum Change

Potomac Preparatory Public Charter School

ACTION: Open for Public Comment

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

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (“PCSB”) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a request submitted by Potomac Preparatory Public Charter School (“Potomac Prep PCS”) on March 16, 2015 to amend its charter by changing its mission statement, goals, curriculum, and enrollment ceiling.

Potomac Prep is requesting to change its mission to “Potomac Prep’s new mission is to prepare scholars for college and 21st century careers through powerful learning opportunities in a personalized and professional environment.” Additionally, Potomac Prep PCS has decided to adopt the Performance Management Framework targets as goals for school years 2014-15, 15-16, and 16-17, and to adopt the Performance Management Framework as goals for school years 2017-18 and 2018-19. Regarding its curriculum, the school proposes that its new curricular focus on STEAM will enhance the school’s current curriculum by adding additional arts infusion through Project Lead The Way (PLTW) in grades Pre K- 5 and by utilizing PLTW in grades 6-8 to add additional science, technology, engineering and math concentrations. Both programs emphasize literacy, student led thinking and 21st century learning. For its enrollment ceiling, the school will receive a small increase from its current ceiling of 425 students to 435 students effective immediately, pending the PCSB’s approval

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 mission, goals, curriculum and enrollment ceiling.

DATES:

- Comments must be submitted on or before May 18.
- Public hearing will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check www.dcpsb.org.
- Vote will be held on Monday, June 15, 2015, at 6:30 pm. For location, please check dcpsb.org.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “Potomac Prep - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Mission, Goals, Curriculum and Enrollment Ceiling,” 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 May 18th by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpsb.org by no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 14th.

*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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