

Subject: Protecting the Legacy of Cesar Chavez - and living it!
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Attachments: Chavez Publ Charter - DC - LEA data.xls, Chavez Si se puede.jpg

Members of the DC Public Charter School Board (2 attachments),

I urge you to oppose the proposed campus closure and consolidation amendment of the Cesar Chavez PCS (CC PCS) that is before you for consideration. At this point, the PCSB needs to ensure greater transparency and frequent reports of all data.

1. The proposed grade 9 through 12 "**enrollment matrix**" projects a future student retention policy that is unrealistic and contradicted by CC PCS enrollment history since 2005. It projects the following grade 9 through 12 enrollments from SY2019-20 through 2024-25 (each color follows a cohort of students from grade 9 to grade 12):

School Year	Gr 9-12				
	Total Enrolled	9	10	11	12
2019-20	475	110	110	125	130
2020-21	470	110	110	125	125
2021-22	455	110	110	110	125
2022-23	465	130	110	115	110
2023-24	470	130	110	115	115
2024-25	475	130	115	115	115

Next year's 9th grade is projected to remain unchanged in size; the next two are projected to increase from 110 to 115.

Table 1 in the attachment lists the enrollment numbers of the combined grade 9 cohorts of Capitol Hill HS and Parkside HS starting in 2007-08 and follows them as they advance to grades 10, 11 & 12. The totals of the most recent 8 cohorts with complete data through grade 12 are shown here. Cohorts starting in 2010-11 include Bruce Prep's 9th grade.

Gr9>10 Gr9>12

	Gr 9	Gr 10	Gr 11	Gr 12	change	change
Totals: 8 cohorts that started gr9 between SY2007-08 and 2014-15	2722	1691	1143	1081	- 1031	- 1781
Ave annual enrollment by grade of the above 8 cohort totals	340	211	143	135	- 129	- 205
(all data from DC OSSE annual October enrollment audits)						

2. CC PCS should not be managing private placements of special education students (Table 2, attachment; from the 2017-18 enrollment report). That is a function for DCPS and doesn't require an additional "middleman." The PCSB should determine [what](#) this administrative function costs CC PCS in staff and funding.

3. Please require full transparency for all enrollment data: where withdrawn & transferred students enroll; why they leave; numbers of replacement students; annual teacher turnover and reasons for leaving; testing data prominently posted.

Sincerely,
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Cesar Chavez Public Charter School LEA

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Table 1:

The table below shows the combined enrollment in Cesar Chavez Public Charter's (LEA) two high schools and, starting in 2010 gr9 of Bruce Prep. Source: osse.dc dot gov

In Table 1, each color represents a cohort of students as it rises from gr9 to gr12 (Col C - F). Col H - K show the nr of graduates, adjusted cohort and graduation rate. Col L shows the nr dropped for the cohort since gr 9. Col M shows the completion rate, the nr of graduates as a % of starting 9th graders.

The adjusted cohort is the base number or denominator. It starts with the 9th grade audited enrollment (counted each October); students admitted after the count are added to it; students withdrawn are subtracted from it. A student is not withdrawn until the sending school receives confirmation that the student was enrolled in another school.

Completion rate is an indicator that measures the % of starting 9th graders that graduated within four years. It's useful as a comparison to the ACGR. If there is a wide gap between the ACGR and the completion rate, it indicates a problem in retaining students that should be analyzed by responsible officials.

School Year	Gr 9-12 Total Enrolled	Gr 9-12 Cohort			
		9	10	11	12
2001-02	223	88	72	34	29
2002-03	251	79	110	32	30
2003-04	290	54	98	66	32
2004-05	370	116	142	64	48
2005-06	622	249	222	94	57
2006-07	746	318	228	126	66
2007-08	710	262	235	109	104
2008-09	770	335	220	120	95
2009-10	805	331	214	154	106
2010-11	780	408	221	119	132
2011-12	817	323	247	150	97
2012-13	862	354	191	166	151
2013-14	917	390	226	129	172
2014-15	766	319	180	137	130
2015-16	837	356	192	147	142
2016-17	771	282	214	141	134
2017-18	679	195	175	186	123
2018-19		not yet		reported	

Grad'n Year	Nr of Grads	Adjusted Cohort (Base)	ACGR Graduation Rate	Cohort Change: Gr9 > # of Grads	Completion Rate: Grads as % of Gr9 Enrollment
2004	?				
2005	?				
2006	?				
2007	?				
2008	?				
2009	?	?	69.53%		
2010	?	?	?		
2011	120	143	83.9%	-119	45/9% (120/262)
2012	91	137	66.4%	-198	27.2% (91/335)
2013	114	164	69.5%	-167	34.4% (114/331)
2014	147	219	67.1%	-189	36.0% (147/408)
2015	96	125	76.8%	-198	29.7% (96/323)
2016	130	166	78.3%	-188	36.7% (130/354)
2017	118	145	81.4%	-245	30.3% (118/390)
2018	112	139	80.6%	-180	35.1% (112/319)
2019					

Gr 9	Gr 10	Gr 11	Gr 12	Nr of Grads	Adjusted Cohort	Grad'n Rate	Cohort Change: Gr9-12	Completion Rate
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Totals: 8 cohorts that started gr9 between SY2007-08 and 2014-15

2722 1691 1143 1081

Grad Data,
8 Cohorts

**928 1238 75.0% -1484 34.1%
(928/2722)**

Ave. annual enrollment (n / 8)
Total enrollment changes of 8 cohorts as they rose up the grade levels

340 211 143 135

Gr 9>10: - Gr10>11: Gr11>12:
1031 -548 -62

Grad Data,
Annual Ave:

116 155 -185.5

Ave. annual changes: row 34/8

-129 -68 -10

Table 2: Chavez 2017-18 Enrollment Students in SpEd private placements

LEA Name	School Code	School Name	Unaudited Enrollments	Audited Enrollments	UPSFF	Non-Public	Non-Residents (inclusive tuition paying)
Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy	1250	Harbor Point Beh	1	1	0	1	0
Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy	1171	HRMD High Road	1	1	0	1	0
Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy	1051	Ivymount School	1	1	0	1	0
Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy	1070	Kingsbury Day Sc	1	1	0	1	0
Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy	1183	New Beginnings \	2	2	0	2	0
Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy	1018	PHILLIPS Progran	1	1	0	1	0
Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy	1013	Phillips School Lz	1	1	0	1	0
Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy	1159	The Pathways Sch	1	1	0	1	0