



Notice of Request to Amend Charter:
Location, Name Changes – **KIPP DC PCS**
Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until April 19, 2021

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from KIPP DC Public Charter School (PCS) to amend its charter by 1) adding another facility to its list of locations and 2) renaming four of its facilities and campuses. The school submitted its request on February 23, 2021.

Currently in its twentieth year of operation, KIPP DC PCS enrolls 6,961 students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 through 12 across 18 campuses in Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8.¹ The school's mission is to provide "highly skilled teachers and leaders, more time in school, a rigorous college preparatory-curriculum, and a strong culture of high expectations and support [to] help our students make significant academic gains and continue to excel in high school and college."

KIPP DC PCS requests to move KIPP DC Somerset College Preparatory PCS from 3301 Wheeler Road SE to 3999 8th Street SE beginning in school year (SY) 2021 – 22. The new location is the former site of the Ferebee-Hope School. In July 2020, the DC Council approved the disposition of the Ferebee-Hope site to KIPP DC PCS. In October 2020, KIPP DC PCS executed a lease with the DC Department of General Services for the Ferebee-Hope site.

KIPP DC PCS will continue operating the space located at 3301 Wheeler Road SE; KIPP DC Honor Academy PCS will remain at the facility, and in SY 2021 – 22, KIPP DC PCS will open early childhood and elementary campuses at the facility, as previously authorized.²

Finally, KIPP DC PCS proposes the following facility and campus name changes effective at the beginning of SY 2021 – 22:

- The facility located at 3301 Wheeler Road SE, which is named the Somerset Campus, will be renamed the Wheeler Campus.
- KIPP DC Somerset College Preparatory PCS will be renamed KIPP DC Highlands College Preparatory PCS.
- KIPP DC Wheeler Early Childhood Academy PCS will be renamed KIPP DC Pride Academy PCS.

¹ This enrollment figure is based on preliminary, unvalidated data as of October 5, 2020.

² See the November 2019 authorization here: <https://dcpcsb.egnyte.com/dl/KJdtva7471>.

- KIPP DC Wheeler Elementary Academy PCS will be renamed KIPP DC Inspire Academy PCS.

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(s) and name(s).

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The public hearing will be on April 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The vote will be on May 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Please check www.dcpsb.org for the location for these meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before April 19, 2021.³ You may submit comments, identified by “KIPP DC PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Location and Name Changes,” by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment via
 - a) E-mail: public.comment@dcpsb.org
 - b) Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14th Street NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010
2. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by e-mailing a request to public.comment@dcpsb.org no later than noon on April 19, 2021.
3. Submit voicemail testimony by phone: Call (202) 328-2660, select option 2. (You will have up to five minutes to record your testimony. Please note that all comments will be transcribed and made available to the public upon receipt.)

For further information, contact Melodi Sampson, Senior Manager of School Quality and Accountability, at msampson@dcpsb.org.

³ DC 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 DC PCSB may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language.