SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comments on a written request from Kingsman Academy Public Charter School (Kingsman PCS) on May 18, 2020. The school seeks a waiver to offer competency-based learning (CBL) units, which requires an amendment to its charter agreement.¹

Currently in its fifth year of operation, Kingsman PCS is an alternative school serving grades six through 12. Beginning in school year (SY) 2020-21, the school proposes changing its credit attainment system by requiring students to complete CBL units instead of Carnegie (or seat time) units. Kingsman PCS says adopting a CBL approach to credit attainment will complement the school’s use of the Marzano Resources’ personalized competency-based education (PCBE) framework. The school has been using the PCBE framework since SY 2016-17, and says it is unable “to implement the framework...in a way that is most conducive for student learning and success” because it is “implementing a competency-based framework in a Carnegie-Unit environment.”² As such, the school seeks a CBL waiver, enabling Kingsman PCS to implement the PCBE framework fully.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 22, 2020.
- The public hearing will be on June 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm. For the location, please check www.dcpcsb.org.
- The vote will be on July 20, 2020, at 6:30 pm. For the location, please check www.dcpcsb.org.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “Kingsman PCS – Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Competency-Based Learning Waiver,” by any one of the methods listed below.²
1. Submit a written comment* via
   a) E-mail: public.comment@dcpcsb.org
   b) Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14th Street NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010
   *Please select only one of the actions listed.
2. Sign up to testify in person at the public hearing on June 22, 2020 by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpcsb.org no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 18, 2020.

¹ Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to revise its charter.
² DC PCSB reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all your submission that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language.
Contact: If you have questions, contact Melodi Sampson, Senior Manager of School Quality and Accountability, at msampson@dcpcsbb.org or 202-330-2046.