



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:
Social Justice DC PCS – Temporary Facility
ACTION: Open for Public Comment
PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: July 20, 2020

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a written request from Social Justice Public Charter School (Social Justice PCS) on June 30, 2020 to amend its charter agreement. The school seeks emergency authorization to operate in a temporary facility during school year (SY) 2020-21.¹

Social Justice PCS begins its first year of operation in SY 2020-21, educating fifth and sixth graders. The school will co-locate with Rocketship Public Charter School – Infinity Community Prep (Rocketship PCS – Infinity) in a Ward 5 facility located at 5450 3rd Street NE. The facility has been under renovation since late 2019, and the school expects the renovation to be complete by the middle of July 2020. As a contingency, the school proposes operating in a temporary facility located at 711 Edgewood Street NE if the renovation is not complete on time. The school would remain at the temporary facility for no more than 90 days.

Social Justice PCS projects a 65-student population. Rocketship PCS – Infinity projects a 180-student population.²

DC PCSB typically provides a 30-day public comment period on facility amendments, as well as at least 30 business days' notice to affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. However, this temporary facility amendment is being requested on an emergency basis due to potential COVID-19-related delays in construction at the school's permanent facility, which may prevent it from being ready in time for the start of SY 2020-21. It is vital that the school secure approval for this temporary facility as soon as possible as a contingency to ensure it is able to serve students and families in SY 2020-21 and avoid displacement of families.

DATES:

- Comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 2020.
- The public hearing and 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 "Social Justice PCS – Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Temporary Location," by any one of the methods listed below.³

1. Submit a written comment* via
 - a) E-mail: public.comment@dcpcsb.org

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, which includes its facility.

² Both facilities have enough square footage to enable the schools to adopt appropriate physical distancing practices in response to COVID-19.

³ 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.

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 July 20, 2020 by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpcs.org no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

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