



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:
Charter Reviews – **Multiple Schools**

Goodwill Excel Center PCS

Richard Wright PCS

Rocketship Education DC PCS

Shining Stars Montessori PCS

ACTION: Open for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: NOVEMBER 16, 2020

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comments on the DC public charter schools listed below, which are up for a charter review on November 16, 2020. Pending DC PCSB staff's analysis, the Board may elect to do one of the following for each school: 1) continue the school's charter without conditions, 2) conditionally continue the school's charter by imposing annual or interim targets or requirements it must meet, **or** 3) commence charter revocation proceedings.

1. Goodwill Excel Center Public Charter School (PCS):

Goodwill Excel Center PCS is up for its five-year charter review. The school currently operates a single campus in Ward 2 where it serves adult students. Its mission is to “transform adult lives through the power of achieving a high school diploma and accessing post-secondary education and careers in growing, sustainable local industries.”

2. Richard Wright Public Charter School:

Richard Wright PCS is up for its 10-year charter review. The school currently operates a single campus in Ward 6 where it serves students in grade 8 – 12. Its mission is to “transform students in grades 8 – 12 into well-versed media contributors by providing a student-centered environment that connects them to the classics and modern languages and a curriculum focused on strong writing skills and vocabulary.”

3. Rocketship Education DC Public Charter School:

Rocketship Education DC PCS is up for its five-year charter review. The school currently operates three campuses in Wards 5, 7, and 8. It serves students in grades PK3 – 5. Its mission is to “eliminate the achievement gap by graduating our students at or above grade level in Language Arts and Math.”

4. Shining Stars Montessori Public Charter School:

Shining Stars Montessori PCS is up for its 10-year charter review. The school currently operates a single campus in Ward 5 where it serves students in grades PK3 – 6. Its mission is to “offer a quality Montessori education infused with culturally inclusive principles to guide children to develop to their fullest potential.”

Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., the DC Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) is required to review each DC charter school's performance at least once every five years.

DATES:

- Comments must be submitted on or before November 13, 2020.
- Vote will be held on November 13, 2020 at 6:30pm For location, please check www.dcpccb.org.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by "School Name - Notice of Petition for Charter Review," by any one of the methods listed below.¹

1. Submit a written comment via:
 - (a) Email: public.comment@dcpccb.org
 - (b) Postal mail: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14th Street NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010
 - (c) Hand Delivery/Courier*: Same as postal address above
2. Sign up to testify in-person at the board meeting on November 16, 2020 by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpccb.org by no later than 4:00 pm on November 13, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melodi Sampson, Senior Manager—School Quality and Accountability, at (202) 330-4046; email: msampson@dcpccb.org.

¹ 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.