



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:
Mission, Goals, and Bylaws – **Monument Academy PCS**
ACTION: Open for Public Comment
PUBLIC COMMENT ACCEPTED UNTIL: October 19, 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 submitted by Monument Academy Public Charter School (Monument PCS) on September 9, 2020. The school seeks to amend its charter agreement by updating its mission, goals and academic achievement expectations (goals), and bylaws.

Currently in its sixth year of operation, Monument PCS educates 102 students in grades 5 – 8 at a residential program in Ward 6. DC PCSB evaluates Monument PCS according to the Alternative Accountability Framework (AAF).¹

Monument PCS’s current and proposed mission statements are reported in the table below. The proposed mission includes text that is colored blue, which represents a key change from the current mission.

Current Mission	Proposed Mission
<p>The mission is to provide students, particularly those who have had or might have contact with the foster care system, with the requisite academic, social, emotional, and life skills to be successful in college, career, and community, and to create an outstanding school that attracts, supports, and retains exceptional and caring staff.</p>	<p>Our mission is to empower students, particularly those who have experienced significant adversity, including involvement or risk of involvement in child welfare and/or other social service systems with the requisite academic, social, emotional and life skills to be successful in college, career and community. In addition, we aim to create an outstanding school that attracts, supports, and retains exceptional and caring people.</p>

Monument PCS proposes removing its goals related to student achievement on the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment. The school also seeks to adjust expectations for its goals related to student progress, gateway, and school environment. Finally, Monument PCS revised its bylaws by decreasing the term length for parent/guardian board members from three years to one.

¹ DC PCSB designed the AAF for schools that strive to provide alternative programming to students facing numerous obstacles to academic success. For a school to be eligible for the AAF, at least 60.0% of its students must be identified as having at least one risk factor listed in the AAF policy. AAF risk factors include if a student 1) is receiving level 3 or level 4 special education services, 2) is pregnant or mothering, 3) is at least two years over-aged or under-credited for their grade level, 4) is homeless, 5) has been involved in the criminal or juvenile justice system, 6) has been expelled, 7) has been involved in the child abuse and neglect system, 8) has a parent who is detained in a correctional facility or who is currently incarcerated, or 9) has been hospitalized due to a psychiatric condition. See the 2019-20 PMF Policy and Technical Guide for full eligibility criteria: <https://bit.ly/3gQgKVN>.

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 mission, goals, and bylaws.

DATES:

- Comments must be submitted on or before October 19, 2020.²
- The public hearing will be held on October 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm. For the location, please check www.dcpccb.org.
- The vote will be held on November 16, 2020 at 6:30 pm. For the location, please check www.dcpccb.org.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “Monument PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Mission, Goals, and Bylaws,” by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment via
 - a) E-mail: public.comment@dcpccb.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 in-person at the public hearing on October 19, 2020 by emailing a request to public.comment@dcpccb.org no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 15, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Melodi Sampson, Senior Manager of School Quality and Accountability, at msampson@dcpccb.org or 202-330-4046.

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.