



Notice of Request to Amend Charter:  
Additional Facility - **MM Bethune PCS**  
Open for Public Comment

**Public Comment Accepted Until: May 16, 2021**

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**SUMMARY:** The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy Public Charter School (MM Bethune PCS) to amend its charter agreement. The school seeks authorization to relocate to 209 Upshur St NW (Ward 4) ahead of school year (SY) 2022 – 23. MM Bethune PCS submitted its request on March 23, 2022.

Currently its 18<sup>th</sup> year of operation, MM Bethune PCS enrolls 341 students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 through 8 across two facilities. Its main facility is located at 1404 Jackson St NE (Ward 5); the school will continue operating this facility. Its other facility is located at 5413 16<sup>th</sup> St NW (Ward 4); the school intends to cease educating students in this space at the end of SY 2021 – 22. The proposed facility located at 209 Upshur St NW is large enough for 200 students and staff; the school plans to enroll no more than 150 students in the space.

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.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** The public hearing will be on May 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The vote will be on June 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Please check [www.dcpccb.org](http://www.dcpccb.org) for the location for these meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 16, 2022.<sup>1</sup> You may submit comments identified by “MM Bethune PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter - Additional Facility” by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment via
  - a) E-mail: [public.comment@dcpccb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpccb.org).
  - b) Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010.
2. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by e-mailing a request to [public.comment@dcpccb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpccb.org) no later than noon on May 16, 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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, a Senior Manager in the School Performance Department, at [msampson@dcpcs.org](mailto:msampson@dcpcs.org).