



Notice of Requests to Amend Charter:  
Campus Relinquishment, Enrollment Ceiling Decrease, Asset  
Acquisition, and Additional Facility – **Hope Community PCS,**  
**Friendship PCS**

Open for Public Comment

**Public Comment Accepted Until May 17, 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 requests from Hope Community Public Charter School (Hope Community PCS) and Friendship Academy Public Charter School (Friendship PCS) to amend their charter agreements. The schools submitted petitions to amend their charter agreements on April 1, 2021.

Hope Community PCS educates nearly 560 students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 (PK3) through eight. The local education agency (LEA) operates two campuses: Hope Community PCS – Lamond in Ward 4 (which serves grades PK3 through five) and Hope Community PCS – Tolson in Ward 5 (which serves grades PK3 through eight). Hope Community PCS is relinquishing its right to operate the Hope Community PCS – Lamond campus beyond school year (SY) 2020 – 21. This relinquishment will result in a correspondingly decreased enrollment ceiling for the LEA. Further, the LEA is not renewing its charter management agreement with Imagine Schools. This change will result in a change in the school's governance structure. As it ends its contract with Imagine Schools, Hope Community PCS will begin contracting with Phalen Leadership Academies to start a turnaround initiative at Hope Community PCS – Tolson.

Friendship PCS educates more than 4,500 students in grades PK3 through 12. The LEA operates 15 campuses across DC, including Friendship PCS – Ideal Elementary and Friendship PCS – Ideal Middle, which are located in a single facility across the street from Hope Community PCS – Lamond. Friendship PCS seeks approval to acquire the Hope Community PCS – Lamond facility and guarantee enrollment for all current Hope Community PCS – Lamond students at Friendship PCS – Ideal Elementary or Friendship PCS – Ideal Middle. If DC PCSB approves this asset acquisition, the Lamond site will become an additional facility for Friendship PCS's existing Ideal campuses. This means Friendship PCS – Ideal Elementary and Friendship PCS – Ideal Middle will operate in two facilities. Friendship PCS's enrollment ceiling will not change; it is large enough to account for the added Hope Community PCS – Lamond students.

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 campuses, enrollment ceiling, governance structure, and location.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** The public hearing to discuss Hope Community PCS's revised governance structure will be on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The public hearing to discuss Hope Community PCS's campus relinquishment and decreased enrollment ceiling, along with Friendship PCS's asset acquisition request and additional facility, will be on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The vote for all of these matters will be on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Please check [www.dcpccb.org](http://www.dcpccb.org) to register to attend the virtual meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 17, 2021.<sup>1</sup> You may submit comments, identified by "Hope Community PCS and Friendship PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter," by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment via
  - a) Email: [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. 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.]
3. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by emailing a request to [public.comment@dcpccb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpccb.org) no later than noon on May 17, 2021.

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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.