



Notice of Request to Amend Charter:  
Educational Approach (Virtual Programming) – **AppleTree Early Learning PCS**  
Open for Public Comment  
**Public Comment Accepted Until July 19, 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 AppleTree Early Learning Public Charter School (AppleTree PCS) to amend its educational approach by permanently offering virtual programming. The school submitted its request on June 22, 2021.

Currently in its sixteenth year of operation, AppleTree PCS educates students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 and pre-kindergarten 4 across six campuses in Wards 1, 6, 7, and 8. The school's mission is "to provide young children with the social, emotional and cognitive foundations that will enable them to succeed in school." The school proposes launching a virtual program for a maximum of 20 students starting in school year 2021 – 22. The school says it will use the virtual option to attract families who are reluctant to enroll their child in in-person early childhood programs.

Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to revise its charter.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** The public hearing will be on July 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The vote will be on July 26, 2021 at 11:00 am. 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 July 19, 2021.<sup>1</sup> You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment identified by "AppleTree PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Educational Approach (Virtual Programming)" 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. Submit voicemail testimony by calling (202)-328-2660 and selecting 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 e-mailing a request to [public.comment@dcpccb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpccb.org) no later than noon on July 19, 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.

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