



Notice of Request to Amend Charter:
Educational Approach (Virtual Programming) – **Howard University
PCS**

Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until July 19, 2021

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science Public Charter School (Howard University PCS) to amend its educational approach by permanently offering virtual programming. The school submitted its request on June 14, 2021.

Currently in its sixteenth year of operation, Howard University PCS educates students in grades 6 – 8 in Ward 1. The school’s mission is to

provide a sound foundation in all academic subjects, with a concentration in mathematics and science; the intellectual, social and emotional growth of each student will be nurtured, while an appreciation for diversity and sensitivity of all individuals will be encouraged in an enriched educational environment that will prepare students to succeed in high school and beyond.

The school proposes launching a virtual program for a maximum of 40 Howard University PCS students starting in school year 2021 – 22. The school seeks this change to meet the interests of “a number of families who have indicated that they would prefer virtual learning.”

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 to register to attend the virtual meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before July 19, 2021.¹ You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment identified by “Howard University PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Educational Approach (Virtual Programming)” 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

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.

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@dcpcsb.org no later than noon on July 19, 2021.

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