



Notice of Request to Amend Charter:
Educational Approach (Virtual Programming), Replication – **KIPP DC 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 KIPP DC Public Charter School (PCS) to amend its educational approach by permanently offering virtual programming and eventually opening an online campus. The school submitted its request on June 22, 2021.

Currently in its twentieth year of operation, KIPP DC PCS enrolls 6,963 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 across 18 campuses in Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8. The school's mission is to provide "highly skilled teachers and leaders, more time in school, a rigorous college preparatory-curriculum, and a strong culture of high expectations and support [to] help our students make significant academic gains and continue to excel in high school and college."

The school proposes launching a virtual program for a maximum of 280 KIPP DC PCS students in school year (SY) 2021 – 22. The school also proposes transitioning its virtual program into a standalone campus in SY 2022 – 23. KIPP DC PCS says it is seeking these changes to satisfy "the parent demand we have heard for remote programming for a number of years."

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 "KIPP DC 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
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

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.

- 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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