



Notice of Request to Amend Charter:
Replication, Facility, Goals – **Maya Angelou PCS**
Open for Public Comment
Public Comment Accepted Until August 16, 2021

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from Maya Angelou Public Charter School (Maya Angelou PCS) to amend its charter agreement. The school will submit its petition to amend its charter agreement no later than August 3, 2021. DC PCSB will publicly release the school's petition upon receipt.

Currently in its twenty-second year of operation, Maya Angelou PCS educates 370 alternative and adult students across two campuses in a single Ward 7 facility. The school's mission is to

create learning communities in lower income urban areas where all students, particularly those who have not succeeded in traditional school settings, can grow academically and socially. At Maya Angelou, our students develop the academic, social, and employment skills that they need to build rewarding lives and promote positive change in their communities.

The District of Columbia Department of Corrections (DOC) seeks a partnership with Maya Angelou PCS. Under the partnership, the school and its management organization, the See Forever Foundation, will temporarily provide educational services for Inspiring Youth Program (IYP) students incarcerated in the DC Jail. Consequently, Maya Angelou PCS requests DC PCSB's approval to replicate its program and permit the school to operate at the DC Jail, establishing a new Maya Angelou PCS campus located within the jail at 1901 D Street SE. The school also requests DC PCSB's approval to set interim goals and academic achievement expectations for the new campus (goals). If approved, Maya Angelou PCS will begin providing educational services at the DC Jail in October 2021. The school expects to cease providing these services under its charter after one year, when DOC will have identified a permanent mechanism to provide educational services for IYP.

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

EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION FOR GOOD CAUSE: DC PCSB is processing this amendment request on an expedited basis to ensure continuity of vital educational services for IYP students and allow for a smooth transition between service providers. The current service provider intends to end its operations with IYP by October 2021.

PUBLIC MEETING: The public hearing and vote will be on August 16, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Please check www.dcpccb.org to register to attend the virtual meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before August 16, 2021.¹ You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment identified by “Maya Angelou PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Replication, Facility, Goals” via
 - a) E-mail: public.comment@dcpcsb.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 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 10:00 am on August 16, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Melodi Sampson, Senior Manager of School Quality and Accountability, at msampson@dcpcsb.org.

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.