



Notice of Request to Amend Charter:  
Mission and Goals – **Creative Minds PCS**  
Open for Public Comment

**Public Comment Accepted Until: September 20, 2021**

**SUMMARY:** The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from Creative Minds International Public Charter School (Creative Minds PCS) to amend its charter to revise its mission statement and update one of its goals. The school submitted its request on June 10, 2021.

Creative Minds PCS enrolls 540 students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 through 8. Creative Minds PCS seeks to change its mission to succinctly define the school's commitment to inclusive learning. The school also seeks to expand the grade bands assessed under its Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) goal.

The table below shows the school's current and proposed mission statements.

<b>Current Mission Statement</b>	<b>Proposed Mission Statement</b>
Creative Minds International Public Charter School (CMI) offers early childhood, elementary, and middle school DC public school students a highly engaging, rigorous, international, and inclusive education plan that provides them with the knowledge and skills required for successful participation in a global society through a project- and arts-based international curriculum that fosters creativity, self-motivation, social/emotional development, and academic excellence.	To cultivate within ALL of our students the mindset, skills, creativity, and commitment to equity essential in becoming globally aware and independently minded citizens.

The table below shows the school's current and proposed goal language.

<b>Current Charter Goal</b>	<b>Proposed Charter Goal</b>
The School Corporation must meet the following goal for SY 2016 – 17 and beyond: At least 70% of all students in grades kindergarten (K) through 5 will achieve at or above the 40th	The School Corporation must meet the following goal for <b>SY 2022 – 23</b> and beyond: At least 70% of all students in grades <b>K – 8</b> will achieve at or above the 40th percentile or

percentile or meet/exceed their spring growth target in math based on NWEA MAP national norms by June of each year.	meet/exceed their spring growth target in math based on NWEA MAP national norms by June of each year.
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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 mission and goals.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** The public hearing will be on September 20, 2021, at 6:30 pm. The vote will be on October 18, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Please check [www.dcpccb.org](http://www.dcpccb.org) for the location for these meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 20, 2021.<sup>1</sup> You may submit comments identified by “Creative Minds PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Mission and Goals” by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment 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. 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 September 20, 2021.
3. 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.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Nada Mousa, Specialist, School Quality and Accountability, at [nmousa@dcpccb.org](mailto:nmousa@dcpccb.org).

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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.