



SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from Paul Public Charter School (Paul PCS) to amend its educational approach. The school proposes operating a distance learning program on a routine basis beginning in school year (SY) 2022 – 23. The school submitted its request on June 7, 2022.¹

Paul PCS opened in 2000 under authorization from DC PCSB. The local education agency (LEA) enrolls 743 students in grades six through twelve across two campuses in Ward 4. The school’s mission is to “educate our students and develop in them the capacity to be responsible citizens, independent thinkers and leaders.”

Paul PCS seeks to offer a hybrid learning model, providing all students and teachers the opportunity to engage in virtual instruction weekly. Under the model, students will receive in-person instruction Monday through Thursday and virtual instruction on Fridays. Currently, Paul PCS has early dismissal, followed by staff professional development, on Thursdays. Beginning in SY 2022 – 23, the school will shift its half-day to Fridays. Paul PCS proposes providing virtual instruction on this day.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The public hearing will be on June 27, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The vote will be on July 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Please check www.dcpccb.org to register to attend the virtual meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before June 27, 2022.² You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment identified by “Paul PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Virtual Program” 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. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by e-mailing a request to public.comment@dcpccb.org no later than noon on [public hearing date].
3. Submit voicemail testimony by phone: Call 202-328-2660 and select option 2. (You will have up to five minutes to record your testimony. Please note

¹ Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to revise its charter.

² 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.)

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