



SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from Richard Wright Public Charter High School for Journalism and Media Arts (Richard Wright 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

Richard Wright PCS opened in 2011 under authorization from DC PCSB. The school currently enrolls 298 students in Ward 6. Its mission is to “transform students in grades 8 – 12 into well-versed media contributors by providing a student-centered environment that connects them to the classics and modern languages and a curriculum focused on strong writing skills and vocabulary.”

Richard Wright PCS seeks to offer a virtual program for up to 30 ninth through twelfth grade students. As the school writes in its written request, the proposed program will include “remote synchronous learning four day[s] of each week with asynchronous learning occurring one day a week.”

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 “Richard Wright 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].

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.

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 that all comments will be transcribed and made available to the public upon receipt.)

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