



Notice of Charter Reviews – **Multiple Schools:**

DC Prep PCS

EW Stokes PCS

SEED PCS

Sela PCS

Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until November 21, 2022

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comments on the DC public charter schools listed below, which are up for a charter review on November 21, 2022. Pending DC PCSB staff’s analysis, the Board may elect to do one of the following for each school: 1) continue the school’s charter without conditions, 2) conditionally continue the school’s charter by imposing annual or interim targets or requirements it must meet, or 3) commence charter revocation proceedings.

1. DC Preparatory Academy Public Charter School (DC Prep PCS):

DC Prep PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school operates six campuses in Wards 5, 7, and 8 where it serves students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 (PK3) – 8. Its mission is to “bridge the educational divide in Washington, DC by increasing the number of students from underserved communities with the academic preparation and personal character to succeed in competitive high schools and colleges.”

2. Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School (EW Stokes PCS):

EW Stokes PCS is up for its 25-year charter review. The school operates two campuses in Wards 5 and 7 where it serves students in grades PK3 – 5. Its mission is to “prepare culturally diverse elementary school students in the District of Columbia to become leaders, scholars and responsible citizens who are committed to social justice.”

3. SEED Public Charter School of Washington, DC (SEED PCS)

SEED PCS is up for its 25-year charter review. The school operates a single campus in Ward 7 where it serves students in grades 9 – 12. Its mission is to “provide an outstanding intensive residential education program to at-risk inner-

city children that prepares them, both academically and socially, for success in college and/or in the professional world.”

4. Sela Public Charter School (Sela PCS)

Sela PCS is up for its 10-year charter review. The school operates a single campus in Ward 4 where it serves students in grades PK3 – 5. Its mission is to “offer children of all ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds in the District of Columbia, from pre-kindergarten to 5th grade, the opportunity to achieve academic excellence in a safe, nurturing environment that focuses on Hebrew language immersion, promotes the value of diversity and provides the skills for taking action in the world.”

Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., DC PCSB is required to review each DC public charter school’s performance at least once every five years.

PUBLIC MEETING: DC PCSB will discuss and vote on DC Prep PCS, EW Stokes PCS, SEED PCS, and Sela PCS’s charter review on November 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Please check www.dcpccb.org to register to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before November 21, 2022.¹ You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment identified by “[School Name] - Charter Review” 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 November 21, 2022.
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, a Senior Specialist in the School Performance Department, at nmousa@dcpccb.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.