



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

Achievement Prep PCS

Center City PCS

Sela PCS

Yu Ying PCS

Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until December 19, 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 or renewal on December 19, 2022. Pending DC PCSB staff's analysis, the Board may elect to do one of the following for schools up for review: 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. For schools up for renewal, the Board may elect to do one of the following for each school: 1) renew the school's charter **or** 2) commence charter revocation proceedings.

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

Achievement Prep PCS is up for its 15-year charter renewal. The school operates a single campus in Ward 8 where it serves students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 (PK3) – 4. Its mission is to “prepare students in grades four through eight to excel as high-achieving scholars and leaders in high school, college and beyond.”¹

2. Center City Public Charter School (Center City PCS):

Center City PCS is up for its 15-year charter renewal. The school operates six campuses in Wards 4, 5, 6, and 8, where it serves students in grades PK3 – 8. Its mission is to “empower students for lifelong success by building strong character, promoting academic excellence, and generating public service throughout Washington, DC.”

3. 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

¹ Currently, Achievement Prep PCS's website states its mission is to “prepare students to excel as high-achieving scholars and leaders in high school, college, and beyond. Critical to Achievement Prep's mission is a commitment to developing and fostering strong character in its scholars. Daily, scholars focus on the development and practice of Achievement Prep's DREAM values (Determination, Respect, Enthusiasm, Accountability, and Mastery).” See the school's website for more details: <https://bit.ly/3CUitaO>.

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.”

4. Washington Yu Ying Public Charter School (Yu Ying PCS)

Yu Ying PCS is up for its 15-year charter review. The school operates a single campus in Ward 5 where it serves students in grades PK3 – 5. Its mission is to “inspire and prepare young people to create a better world by challenging them to reach their full potential in a nurturing Chinese/English educational environment.”

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 Achievement Prep PCS, Center City PCS, Sela PCS, and Yu Ying PCS’s charter review or renewal on December 19, 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 December 19, 2022.² You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment identified by “[School Name] - Charter Review/Renewal” 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 December 19, 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.

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.