

Notice of Charter Reviews– **Multiple Schools**: DC Prep PCS Eagle PCS LAMB PCS SEED PCS Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until January 23, 2023

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 January 23, 2023. 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.

UPDATE SINCE INITIAL POSTING: DC PCSB initially announced that it would postpone Center City Public Charter School's renewal vote from December 2022 to January 2023. The Board will resume voting on the school's renewal during the December 19, 2022 public meeting.

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 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. Eagle Academy Public Charter School (Eagle PCS)

Eagle PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school operates two campuses in Wards 6 and 8, where it serves students in grades PK3 – 3. Its mission is to "build the foundation for a promising future for all students in a rich, robust learning environment that fosters creativity and problem-solving abilities, emphasizing cognitive, social, and emotional growth by engaging children as active learners in an inclusive learning environment."

3. Latin American Montessori Bilingual Public Charter School (LAMB PCS) LAMB PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school operates a single campus across two facilities in Wards 4 and 5. The school serves students in grades PK3 – 5. Its mission is to "create a self-directed learning environment in which children build a foundation of knowledge essential for a lifetime of learning while developing biliteracy in English and Spanish." 4. <u>SEED Public Charter School of Washington, DC (SEED PCS)</u>

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 innercity children that prepares them, both academically and socially, for success in college and/or in the professional 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, Eagle PCS, LAMB PCS, and SEED PCS's charter review on January 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Please check <u>www.dcpcsb.org</u> to register to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before January 23, 2023.¹ 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@dcpcsb.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 <u>public.comment@dcpcsb.org</u> no later than noon on January 23, 2023.
- 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 <u>nmousa@dcpcsb.org</u>.

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.