



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

Digital Pioneers PCS

EW Stokes PCS

Friendship PCS

Ingenuity Prep PCS

Statesmen PCS

Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until February 27, 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 February 27, 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.

1. Digital Pioneers Academy Public Charter School (Digital Pioneers PCS)
Digital Pioneers PCS is up for its five-year charter review. The school operates two campuses in Wards 6 and 8, where it serves students in grades 6 – 10. Its mission is to “develop the next generation of innovators. We prepare students to meet or exceed the highest academic standards, while cultivating the strength of character necessary to both graduate from four-year colleges and thrive in 21st century careers.”
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 pre-kindergarten 3 (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. Friendship Public Charter School (Friendship PCS)
Friendship PCS is up for its 25-year charter review. The school operates 15 campuses across 11 facilities in Wards 4, 5, 6, and 8. The school serves students in grades PK3 – 12. Its mission is to “provide a world-class education that motivates students to achieve high academic standards, enjoy learning, and develop as ethical, literate, well-rounded and self-sufficient citizens who contribute actively to their communities.”
4. Ingenuity Prep Public Charter School (Ingenuity PCS)
Ingenuity PCS is up for its 10-year charter review. The school operates a single campus in Ward 8, where it serves students in grades PK3 – 8. Its mission is to

provide a “supportive school community dedicated to academic rigor and civic leadership, preparing students for the path to the colleges and careers of their choosing.

5. Statesmen College Preparatory Academy for Boys Public Charter School (Statesmen PCS)

Statesmen PCS is up for its five-year charter review. The school operates a single campus in Ward 8, where it serves students in grades 4 – 8. Its mission is to provide a “create a boy-friendly pedagogy-informed academic environment within which young men are equipped with the academic skills, social competencies, and personal development necessary to navigate life challenges, attend and complete the college of their choice, and return to become the premier agents of social change within and for the communities they serve.”

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 Digital Pioneers PCS, EW Stokes PCS, Friendship PCS, Ingenuity Prep PCS, and Statesmen PCS’s charter review on February 27, 2023 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 February 27, 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@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 February 27, 2023.
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.