



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:
Facility Amendment Request – **MM Bethune PCS**
Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until ~~March 1, 2024~~ ~~January 29, 2024~~

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a request from Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy Public Charter School (MM Bethune PCS) to amend its charter agreement. **The public comment window originally closed for this item on January 29, 2024. To allow for further engagement, DC PCSB is reopening this item for public comment until March 1, 2024. The vote is now scheduled for March 18, 2024 instead of February 26, 2024 as previously posted.**

The school seeks authorization to relocate its facility from Sixth Presbyterian Church at 5413 16th Street NW to Takoma Park Baptist Church at 635 Aspen Street NW ahead of school year (SY) 2024 – 25. The school submitted its request on December 11, 2023. The proposed facility would provide more space for students and staff. It can serve up to 173 students at capacity, and it features larger classrooms, a library, an environment science room, a playground, and offices.

Founded in SY 2015 – 16, MM Bethune PCS educates 361 scholars in grades prekindergarten-three (PK3) – 8 across two facilities located at 5413 16th Street NW (Ward 4) and 1404 Jackson Street NE (Ward 5). Of that total, 93 students in grades PK3 – 5 attend the 16th Street facility. The school’s mission is to “implement a high performing day school that provides a challenging academic program in a supportive, parentally involved, and diverse learning environment to enable each student to achieve academic success, talent, and positive social development.”

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The public hearing will be on January 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The vote will be on ~~February 26, 2024~~, **March 18, 2024**, at 6:00 p.m. Please visit www.dcpccb.org to register.

HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS: You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.¹

1. Testify during the public meeting on January 29, 2024. To register, please visit <https://dcpccb.org/public-comment>. Click “Sign up to Testify at the Meeting,” then complete the form. Please note you must sign up no later than noon on January 29, 2024.

¹ DC PCSB reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse, or remove any or all of a submission that it may deem inappropriate for publication, such as obscenities.



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2. Submit a written comment on or before 11:59 pm ~~on March 1, 2024 the day before the public meeting~~ via
 - a. “Submit a Written Comment” at <https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment>.
 - b. Postal mail, hand delivery, or courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 3333 14th Street NW, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20010.
3. Submit voicemail testimony by calling (202) 328-2660 and selecting option 2. You will have up to five minutes to record your testimony. All comments will be transcribed and made available to the public upon receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT: Bijon Lane, Specialist, School Performance Department, at blane@dcpcsb.org.