



**SUMMARY:** The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a request from AppleTree Early Learning Public Charter School (AppleTreePCS) to amend its charter agreement by replicating its program beginning in school year (SY) 2024 – 25. The school submitted its request on June 1, 2023.<sup>1</sup>

Founded in SY 2003 – 24, AppleTree PCS educates 491 students in grades pre-kindergarten-3 (PK3) and pre-kindergarten-4 (PK4) across six campuses in seven facilities across Wards 1, 3, 6, 7, and 8. The school’s mission is “to provide young children with the social, emotional and cognitive foundations that will enable them to succeed in school.”

The school seeks to convert the facility located at 4900 Massachusetts Avenue NW, which is part of AppleTree PCS – Oklahoma Avenue, into a stand-alone campus. The proposed AppleTree PCS – Spring Valley will replicate the program at the school’s existing six campuses, enrolling 154 PK3 – PK4 students at capacity. In alignment with *DC PCSB’s Definition of School, Campus, and Facility Policy*,<sup>2</sup> the campus will serve a distinct grade span with a dedicated academic leader, have charter goals and academic expectations separate from the other campuses, and receive its own accountability report.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** The public hearing will be on July 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The vote will be on August 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Please visit [www.dcpccb.org](http://www.dcpccb.org) to register.

**HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS:** You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.<sup>3</sup>

1. Testify during the public meeting on July 17, 2023. 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 July 17, 2023.
2. Submit a written comment on or before 11:59 pm the day before the public meeting via

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to revise its charter, which includes campus names and addresses.

<sup>2</sup> DC PCSB’s Definition of School, Campus, and Facility Policy can be found at <https://bit.ly/3rUbWaQ>.

<sup>3</sup> 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.



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:  
Program Replication – **AppleTree PCS**  
Open for Public Comment  
Public Comment Accepted Until July 17, 2023

- 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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**  
[publiccomment@dcpcsb.org](mailto:publiccomment@dcpcsb.org).