



Notice of Request to Amend Charter
Goals and Academic Achievement Expectations – **The Next Step
PCS**

Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until December 18, 2023

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from The Next Step Public Charter School (The Next Step PCS) to amend its charter by modifying its goals and academic achievement expectations. The school submitted its request on November 16, 2023.¹

Currently in its twenty-seventh year of operation, The Next Step PCS educates adult students ages 16 to 30 at a single campus located in Ward 1. The school’s mission is to provide students who face extraordinary challenges and who are not supported in traditional high schools with the opportunity to continue their education.

The Next Step PCS proposes revising its student progress on Adult Basic Education (ABE) goals to measure educational gains using National Reporting System Educational Functioning Levels (EFLs) rather than grade equivalency. The ABE assessment previously used by the school, TABE 9/10, was discontinued by the publisher. The school subsequently transitioned to administering TABE 11/12. Unlike TABE 9/10, the updated assessment does not currently provide grade level equivalent student outcome data.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The public hearing will be on December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The vote will be on January 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Please check www.dcpccb.org to register to attend the virtual meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before [date].² You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment identified by “The Next Step PCS- Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Goals” 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

¹ Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to revise its charter.

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.

2. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by e-mailing a request to public.comment@dcpcsb.org no later than noon on [public hearing date].
3. Submit voicemail testimony by phone: Call 202-328-2660 and 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: Starling Temp, a Specialist in the School Performance Department, at stemp@dcpcsb.org.