

**SUMMARY:** The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a request from Washington Latin Public Charter School (Washington Latin PCS) to amend its charter agreement. The school seeks authorization to relocate its Anna Julia Cooper Campus Middle School and the yet-to-be opened Anna Julia Cooper Campus High School to 4301 Harewood Road NE (Ward 5) prior to school year (SY) 2025 – 26. The school submitted its request on January 8, 2024.<sup>1</sup>

In its 17<sup>th</sup> year of operation, Washington Latin PCS enrolls 1,034 students in grades 5 through 12 across two facilities located at 5200 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW (Ward 4) and 711 Edgewood Street NE (Ward 5). Of that total, 285 students in grades 5 – 7 attend Washington Latin PSC – Anna Julia Cooper Campus Middle School. The school's mission is to "provide a challenging, classical education that is accessible to students throughout the District of Columbia."

Washington Latin PCS purchased the former Kirvov Academy of Ballet at 4301 Harewood Road NE on September 12, 2022. The school proposes constructing a new building to house the middle school and renovating the existing structure for the high school. Washington Latin PCS will co-locate with Washington Yu Ying PCS, which owns a portion of the property.<sup>2</sup>

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** The public hearing will be on February 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The vote will be on March 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Please visit <u>www.dcpcsb.org</u> to register.

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

- Testify during the public meeting on February 26, 2024. To register, please visit https://dcpcsb.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 February 26, 2024.
- 2. Submit a written comment on or before 11:59 pm the day before the public meeting via

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 its facility locations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For the approved 2023 Washington Yu Ying PCS amendment request, see <u>https://bit.ly/3HfcdMn</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.



- a. "Submit a Written Comment" at <u>https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment</u>.
- 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**: Bijon Lane, Specialist, School Performance Department, at <u>blane@dcpcsb.org</u>.