



**Public Comment Accepted Until: January 29, 2024**

**SUMMARY:** The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from YouthBuild DC Public Charter School (YouthBuild PCS) to amend its charter by modifying its goals and academic achievement expectations (charter goals). The school submitted its request on December 19, 2022.<sup>1,2</sup>

Currently in its 19<sup>th</sup> year of operation, YouthBuild PCS educates 125 students aged 16 to 24 at a single facility located in Ward 1. The school's mission is to provide:

an alternative high school for young people seeking to transform their lives by re-engaging in their education in a non-traditional school environment. YBPCS prepares students for postsecondary education and the workplace by offering, in English and Spanish, academic, vocational and workforce development programs. YBPCS believes that service to the community is an essential part of the transformative process. Therefore, students serve their community through volunteer projects and by creating housing for low-income residents in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

YouthBuild PCS seeks to amend its charter goals by removing its In-Seat Attendance (ISA) goal beginning in the school year (SY) 2023-24. Removing its ISA goal aligns with the proposed changes to DC PCSB's accountability system, where ISA will no longer be a measure within the school environment category (formerly known as leading indicators) for Adult Education (AE) schools. The school's current goal and proposed revision are provided in the chart below.

Current Goal	Proposed Goal
The in-seat attendance (ISA) rate for YouthBuild DC PCS will be at least 62.8%.  This represents the Tier 1 cut-off for this measure based on the 2015-16 Adult Education PMF business rules.	<b>Delete current goal, no new goal proposed.</b>

<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.

<sup>2</sup> The public hearing and vote on the school's request were delayed in accordance with changes to the development timeline for DC PCSB's revised accountability system.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** The public hearing will be on January 29, 2024 at 6 p.m. The vote will be on February 26, 2024 at 6 p.m. Please check [www.dcpsb.org](http://www.dcpsb.org) to register to attend the virtual meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 29, 2024.<sup>3</sup> You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Submit a written comment identified by “YouthBuild PCS - Notice of Petition to Amend Charter – Goals” via:
  - a) E-mail: [public.comment@dcpsb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpsb.org)
  - b) 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
2. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by e-mailing a request to [public.comment@dcpsb.org](mailto:public.comment@dcpsb.org) no later than noon on February 27, 2023.
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@dcpsb.org](mailto:stemp@dcpsb.org).

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<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 your submission that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language.