

Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:
Facility Amendment Request – **DC Wildflower PCS**Open for Public Comment
Public Comment Accepted Until March 18, 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 DC Wildflower Public Charter School (DC Wildflower PCS) to amend its charter agreement. The school seeks full approval to operate a second facility, named "blue montessori," at 1516 Marion Barry Avenue SE (Ward 8) beginning in school year (SY) 2024 – 25.<sup>2</sup> The school submitted its request on February 1, 2024.<sup>3</sup>

Founded in SY 2022 – 23, DC Wildflower PCS currently operates a single facility, the "Riverseed School," at 913 55<sup>th</sup> Street NE (Ward 7). There, the school serves 28 students in grades prekindergarten-3 (PK) through K. Per its charter agreement, DC Wildflower PCS has conditional approval to operate up to six facility sites with a total enrollment ceiling of 225 students.<sup>4</sup>

The school's mission is to "serve a larger, universal purpose in eliminating racial and social discrimination and hierarchy – and offer an intimate liberatory educational experience. We believe intentionally small, community embedded, teacher-led Montessori learning environments will accelerate the journey for students of the global majority to be and feel safe, seen and heard. DCWPCS is where students' identities are affirmed, and their genius unleashed."

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** The public hearing will be on March 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The vote will be on April 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Please visit <a href="https://www.dcpcsb.org">www.dcpcsb.org</a> to register.

**HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS:** You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.<sup>5</sup>

 Testify during the public meeting on March 18, 2024. To register, please visit <a href="https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment">https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment</a>. Click "Sign up to Testify at the Meeting," then complete the form. Please note you must sign up no later than noon on March 18, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The school styles the facility's name as "blue montessori" with lowercase letters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective August 29, 2023, Good Hope Road SE in Wards 7 and 8 is designated as Marion Barry Avenue

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</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>4</sup> For DC Wildflower PCS's 2022 charter agreement, see <a href="https://bit.ly/3Ur3Bdu">https://bit.ly/3Ur3Bdu</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</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.



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- 2. Submit a written comment on or before 11:59 pm the day before the public meeting via
  - a. "Submit a Written Comment" at <a href="https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment">https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment</a>.
  - 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: Hannah Cousino, Senior Manager, School Performance Department, at <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/journal.org/">https://doi.org/10.2016/journal.org/</a>