



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter:  
Mission Statement and Virtual Program Amendment Request –  
**Maya Angelou PCS**  
Open for Public Comment  
Public Comment Accepted Until May 20, 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 Maya Angelou Public Charter School (PCS) to amend its charter agreement. The school seeks approval to update its mission statement and expand the admission criteria for its existing virtual program. These changes would be effective beginning in school year (SY) 2024 – 25. The school submitted its application on April 10, 2024.<sup>1</sup>

In its 25<sup>th</sup> year of operation, Maya Angelou PCS enrolls 224 students in grades 9 – 12 at its High School campus and 299 adult students at its Young Adult Learning Center campus. Its current and proposed mission statements are as follows:

Current Mission	Proposed Mission
Our mission is to create learning communities in lower income urban areas where all students, particularly those who have not succeeded in traditional schools, can succeed academically and socially.	Maya empowers opportunity and justice-involved youth to transform the trajectory of their lives. We do this by engaging each of our scholars in a restorative, relevant school experience that prioritizes personalized academic support, well-being, and preparation for the post-Maya pathway of their choice. With an education in our network of schools, our scholars will do more than succeed...they will thrive.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** The public hearing will be on May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The vote will be on June 24, 2024, 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>2</sup>

1. Testify during the public meeting on May 20, 2024. To register, please visit <https://dcpccb.org/public-comment>. Click “Sign up to Testify at the Meeting,”

<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> 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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then complete the form. Please note you must sign up no later than noon on May 20, 2024.

2. Submit a written comment on or before 11:59 pm the day before the public meeting via
  - 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:** Hannah Cousino, Senior Manager, School Performance Department, at [hcousino@dcpcsb.org](mailto:hcousino@dcpcsb.org).