



Notice of Charter Reviews – **Multiple Schools:**

Cedar Tree PCS

Hope Community PCS

IDEA PCS

Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until March 17, 2025

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comments on the DC public charter schools listed below which are up for a charter review on March 17, 2025. Pending DC PCSB staff's analysis, the Board may elect to do one of the following for schools up for review: 1) continue the school's charter without conditions, 2) conditionally continue the school's charter by imposing annual or interim targets or requirements it must meet, or 3) initiate charter revocation proceedings.

1. Cedar Tree Public Charter School (Cedar Tree PCS)

Cedar Tree PCS is up for its 25-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 8, where it serves students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 (PK3) – 2. Its mission is: "Cedar Tree Academy Public Charter School is committed to academic excellence for all students. We will build the foundation for all students in a safe learning environment designed to enhance social and emotional growth, cognitive and creative development while preparing students to become active independent learners. – No exception, No excuses!"

2. Hope Community Public Charter School (Hope Community PCS)

Hope Community PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 5. It serves students in grades PK3 – 8. Its mission is "to shape the hearts and minds of our scholars positively, by providing them with an academically rigorous, content rich curriculum, an environment in which character is modeled and promoted, and a community in which to build trusting relationships with others."

3. IDEA Public Charter School (IDEA PCS)

IDEA PCS is up for its 25-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 7, where it serves students in grades 9 – 12. The school's mission is "to prepare students with the academic, social, leadership, and occupational skills for post-secondary opportunities and to be responsible citizens who contribute to the community."

Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., DC PCSB is required to review each DC public charter school's performance at least once every five years.

PUBLIC MEETING: DC PCSB will discuss and vote on Cedar Tree PCS, Hope Community PCS, and IDEA PCS on March 17, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Please check www.dcpccb.org to register to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before March 17, 2025.¹ You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

1. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by going to <https://dcpccb.org/public-comment>. Click on the “Sign up to Testify at the Meeting” tab to fill out the form. The deadline to sign up to testify is noon on March 17, 2025.
2. Submit a written comment identified via
 - a. Online form at <https://dcpccb.org/public-comment>
 - b. Postal Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 100 M Street SE, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20003.
3. Submit audio 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: Gina Lucchesi, a Senior Specialist in the School Performance Department, at glucchesi@dcpccb.org.

¹ 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.