



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

Children's Guild PCS

Girls Global PCS

Kingsman PCS

MM Bethune PCS

Monument PCS

YouthBuild PCS

Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until June 23, 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 June 23, 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. The Children's Guild DC Public Charter School (Children's Guild PCS)

Children's Guild PCS is up for its 10-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 5, where it serves students in grades Kindergarten (K) – 8. Its mission is: "The Children's Guild District of Columbia Public Charter School's mission is to use the philosophy of Transformation Education to prepare special needs and general education students for college, career readiness, and citizenship in their community by developing in them critical thinking and creative problem solving skills, self-discipline and a commitment to serve a cause larger than themselves."

2. Girls Global Public Charter School (Girls Global PCS)*

Girls Global PCS is up for its five-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 2, where it serves students in grades 9 – 12. Its mission is "to foster pathways to lead and learn."

3. Kingsman Academy Public Charter School (Kingsman PCS)

Kingsman PCS is up for its 10-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 6, where it serves students in grades 6 – 12. Its mission is "to provide an individualized and rigorous education in a supportive environment to prepare scholars for post-secondary success and responsible citizenship."

4. Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy Public Charter School (MM Bethune PCS)*

MM Bethune PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Wards 4 and 5. It serves students in grades PK3 – 8. Its mission is "to

implement a high performing day school that provides a challenging academic program in a supportive, parentally involved, and diverse learning environment to enable each student to achieve academic success, talent, and positive social development.”

5. Monument Academy Public Charter School (Monument PCS)

Monument PCS is up for its 10-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 7, where it serves students in grades 5 – 8. The school’s mission is “to provide students, particularly those who have had or might have contact with the foster care system, with the requisite academic, social, emotional, and life skills to be successful in college, career, and community, and to create an outstanding school that attracts, supports, and retains exceptional and caring staff.”

6. YouthBuild DC Public Charter School (YouthBuild PCS)

YouthBuild PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 1, where it serves adult students. The school’s mission is: “YouthBuild Public Charter School (YBPCS) is 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.”

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 Children’s Guild PCS, Girls Global PCS, Kingsman PCS, MM Bethune PCS, Monument PCS, and YouthBuild PCS on June 23, 2025, at 5:00 pm. **[*The June 23 meeting has been updated to include the Girls Global PCS and MM Bethune PCS charter reviews.]** Please check www.dcpccb.org to register to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before June 23, 2025.¹ You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

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.

1. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by going to <https://dcpcsb.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 June 23, 2025.
2. Submit a written comment identified via
 - a. Online form at <https://dcpcsb.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.

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