

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY (LEA) NAME: YouthBuild DC PCS

BOARD CHAIR NAME: Suraj Patel

SUBMISSION DATE: March 2025

SUBJECT: Facility Amendment Request

SCHOOL BACKGROUND AND PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Campus name(s): YouthBuild DC PCS

Year(s) opened: 2005

Grades served: Adult Education

Year the school will undergo its next charter review or renewal: 2025

Proposal summary:

This proposal outlines YouthBuild DC PCS' application for amendment to relocate to a new larger, more centrally located facility as of July 1, 2025. This planned move incorporates years of due diligence finding a new location that would best meet the needs of our student population. We are excited about the opportunity this move presents and the benefits it will offer to our students, our larger school community, and the city.

Year the school plans to implement the proposed changes: Summer 2025, for the 2025-26 School Year

When did the school's board approve the proposed changes? The Board has been involved in the facility search for the past year and a half. The new lease was approved in December 2024, and this amendment was approved in February 2025. *See attached minutes.*

FACILITY

1. Please check the box that best describes the school's proposed change.

- ☒ The LEA or a campus within the LEA is relocating from its current facility to a new facility.
- ☐ The LEA or a campus within the LEA is staying in its current facility *and* expanding into an additional facility (i.e., some students will attend the current facility while some will attend the proposed facility).
- ☐ The LEA seeks to open a new campus to be housed in a new facility. (Also complete the Expansion and/or Replication Amendment Application.)

2. In the table below, list the facility/facilities the school operates (i.e., the facility/facilities identified in the school's charter agreement). For each entry, report the facility name, the campus(es) and grades served within, and the address.

Current Facility/Facilities		
Facility Name	Campus Name(s); Grade(s) Served	Address
YouthBuild DC PCS	YouthBuild DC PCS, Adult Ed	3220 16th Street NW

3. In the table below, list the facility/facilities the school seeks to operate (i.e., the facility/facilities the school will continue operating along with the facility the school proposes operating). For each entry, report the facility name, the campus(es) and grades served within, and the address.

Proposed Facility/Facilities		
Facility Name	Campus Name(s); Grades Served	Address
419 7th Street NW	YouthBuild DC PCS, Adult Ed	419 7th Street NW

4. Will the school lease or purchase the proposed facility? If the school has already purchased or leased the facility, when did the school acquire it?

YouthBuild DC PCS will lease the 2nd and 3rd floors of the building. After extensive vetting and community engagement, the lease was signed on December 5th, 2024.

5. How will the new location impact current students? How will the school encourage student re-enrollment? How will the school support students in need of transportation to the new location?

The new location has several benefits for current students, including:

- It has more space than our current location for classroom learning, counseling, and meetings;
- Our current location only has windows in four street-facing classrooms. The new location has windows on two sides of the building, adding light throughout the building, and creating more light in classrooms, meeting spaces, and offices.
- The new location will be more accessible to students who commute to the school from across the city. It will reduce the average commute time for

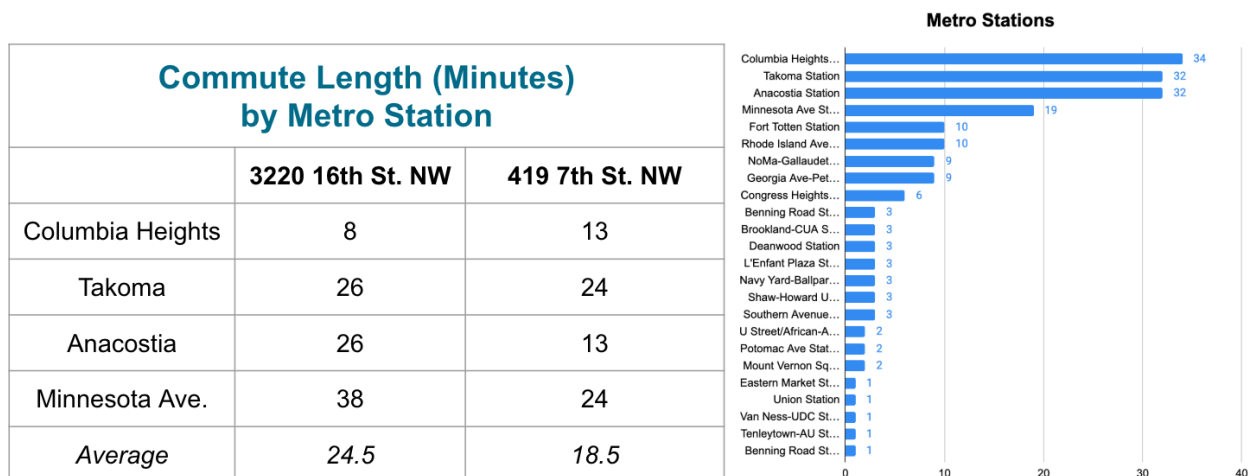
students (see Figures 1 and 2 below).

- It will contain more offices/meeting rooms for mental health support, which is crucial to our students' well-being and success in school.
- Additionally, it will afford easy access to multiple employment opportunities for students downtown.

Figure 1 - Average walk time from various downtown Metro Stations.



Figure 2 - Average Commute Time for Students - Current vs. New Location



6. Will there be newly created seats for additional students? If so, discuss student recruitment efforts in the new school community.

Our enrollment ceiling is increasing to 150 students in SY27-28. This new location will enable us to serve this student population much more effectively. YouthBuild will continue to draw upon our successful recruitment efforts throughout the city to continue to boost our enrollment.

7. What is the maximum occupancy at the new location? If the maximum occupancy load for staff and students is less than the total number of staff and students who will occupy the facility at any point in the future, please explain how you will address this issue

The square footage of our new facility is 16,678 square feet, compared to our current facility, which is only 11,000 square feet. The new facility can easily accommodate a student population of 150 and a staff of 25.

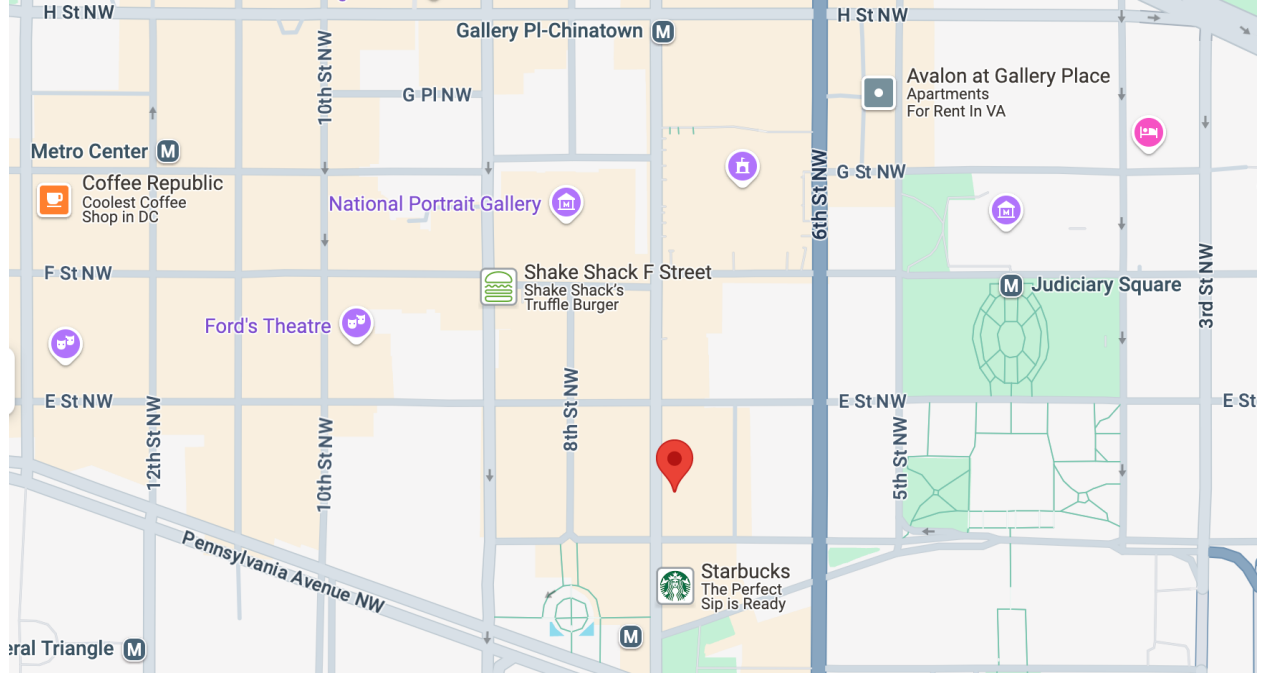
8. Does the proposed space require renovation? If so, describe the renovations the new location will need, either to serve as a school or to be accessible for students with disabilities.

The proposed space requires some renovation to meet our school's needs - to add both classroom and meeting space. We have worked closely with architects and builders, and we are currently in the midst of renovations.

9. Describe the proposed facility's neighborhood (i.e., is it residential or commercial, is it metro accessible). What value will the school add to the proposed neighborhood?

The building is located downtown, in an ideal space, just above the District Architectural Center (a perfect complement to our construction program) in the Penn Quarter neighborhood. It is a commercial location, surrounded by 5 Metro stops and numerous businesses and local shops. (see map below). The school will bring new youth (ages 16-24) to the neighborhood, who are eager to finish their high school education, many of whom work while they attend school. YouthBuild prepares students for success in and after school, including extensive skills development and employment support. The neighborhood will gain from an infusion of skilled young adults, who are eager to obtain gainful employment.

Figure 3 - Location of School, with nearby Metro stops.



- 10. List the traditional and public charter schools near the new location, identifying schools that educate the same grade span your school serves/will serve. Describe how the school's mission and academic performance compare to these schools. What impact will the school's relocation have on enrollment at neighboring schools?**

There are no other Adult Public Charter Schools nearby. The closest school is the Goodwill Excel Center, an Alternative Public Charter School, located at 1776 G Street, NW, almost 2 miles from YouthBuild's new location. YouthBuild's move should have no impact on Goodwill's enrollment.

- 11. When did the school hold an open board of trustees meeting to discuss the proposed change(s)?**

YouthBuild held an open Board meeting to discuss the proposed change in December 2024.

- 12. Describe how the school has engaged its internal community in its decision to relocate or expand into the proposed location. Submit documentation of the school's communications with its staff and families regarding the proposed space. Identify the internal community's concerns and how the school is responding to their needs.**

YouthBuild began discussing the proposed move with our community last fall. We have held meetings with students (our families, since our students are adults) and staff throughout the fall to gather feedback and input.

The only concern that has emerged for staff is around parking, but this would be a concern for virtually any move to a facility in the city (our current facility only has 5 staff parking spaces). We are currently looking for parking options and other ways to address this issue. Given the Metro accessibility of the new space, however, parking concerns are far outweighed by accessibility afforded through public transportation options.

13. Describe how the school has engaged the community surrounding the proposed location. *Please attach documentation of communications with nearby principals, neighbors, ANC representatives, Councilmembers, and other community groups, notifying them of the school's plans.*

a. When did the school inform the ANC representatives of its facility plans? Has the school already presented its facility plans during an ANC meeting? If not, when will it do so?

Claire Libert, Head of School, has reached out to ANC to discuss the planned move. She plans to attend their upcoming meeting on May 13, 2025.

b. Summarize the external community's concerns, if any, and describe the school's response with specificity.

No concerns have been expressed.

14. Complete and submit DC PCSB's [5-Year Operating Budget](#) template in accordance with its instructions.