

## Notice of Petition to Amend Charter: Enrollment Ceiling Increase – **Academy of Hope PCS** Open for Public Comment

## Public Comment Accepted Until September 15, 2025

**SUMMARY:** The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on a request from Academy of Hope Adult Public Charter School (PCS) to amend its charter agreement by increasing its enrollment ceiling. The school submitted its request on July 1, 2025.<sup>1</sup>

The school proposes increasing its enrollment ceiling to total 1,500 students. Over the span of three years beginning in school year (SY) 2026 – 27, the school plans to add 500 students to its maximum enrollment. Opening in 2014, Academy of Hope PCS educates 997 adult learners across Wards 5 and 8.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** The public hearing will be on September 15, 2025, at 6 p.m. The vote will be on October 27, 2025, at 6 p.m. Please visit <a href="https://dcpcsb.org/events">https://dcpcsb.org/events</a> to register to attend the meeting.

**HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS:** To ensure your comment is processed and reviewed,<sup>2</sup> please use one of the methods below:

- 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 September 15, 2025.
- 2. Submit a written comment identified via
  - a. Online form at <a href="https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment">https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment</a>
  - Postal Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 100 M Street SE, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003

Please note DC PCSB accepts written comments on or before 11:59 p.m. August 25, 2025.

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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 your submission that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language.



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