

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comment on the revised *Enrollment Ceiling Increase Policy*, renamed the *School Expansion Policy*.

Pursuant to the School Reform Act (SRA), a local education agency (LEA) must submit a petition to revise its charter. This policy explains the process by which DC PCSB will review charter amendment petitions pertaining to enrollment ceiling increases, grades served, and replications.

The proposed *School Expansion Policy* aims to increase student access to high-performing schools while encouraging sustainable growth. To achieve this end, staff set three policy revision objectives:

1. Align the policy with DC PCSB's sector planning approach and the ASPIRE Policy and Technical Guide so that decisions about growth advance student outcomes, respond to community needs, and sustain a quality, diverse charter sector over time.
2. Expand the current policy's scope to encompass three types of expansion—enrollment ceiling increases, grades served, and campus replications—to make DC PCSB decision-making more transparent and cohesive for school leaders and community members.
3. Establish clear and rigorous standards for evaluating past performance, leadership capacities, and expansion plans—factors critical for successful growth.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The public hearing will be on April 27, 2026 at 6 p.m. The vote will be on May 18, 2026 at 6 p.m. Please visit <https://dcpcs.org/events> to register to attend the meeting.

HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS: To ensure your comment is processed and reviewed,¹ please use one of the methods below:

1. Sign up to testify during the public hearing by going to <https://dcpcs.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 April 27, 2026.

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.



Notice of Petition to Adopt
School Expansion Policy
Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until April 27, 2026

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

Please note DC PCSB accepts written comments by 11:59 p.m. on April 26, 2026.

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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