



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

Briya PCS

Goodwill Excel PCS

St. Coletta PCS

The Next Step PCS

Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until May 18, 2026

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 or renewal on May 18, 2026. 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. For schools up for renewal, the Board may elect to do one of the following for each school: 1) renew the school's charter or 2) not renew the school's charter.

1. [Briya Public Charter School \(Briya PCS\)](#)

Briya PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school operates one campus across multiple facilities in Wards 1, 4, and 5. It serves students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 (PK3) – pre-kindergarten 4 (PK4) and adult students. Its mission is “to strengthen families through culturally responsive, two-generation education.”

2. [Goodwill Excel Center Public Charter School \(Goodwill Excel PCS\)](#)

Goodwill Excel PCS is up for its 10-year charter review. The school operates one campus across multiple facilities in Wards 2 and 6. It serves students in grades 9 – 12. Its mission is “to transform adult lives through the power of achieving a high school diploma and accessing post-secondary education and careers in growing, sustainable local industries.”

3. [St. Coletta Special Education Public Charter School \(St. Coletta PCS\)](#)

St. Coletta PCS is up for its 20-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 7. It serves children and adults with disabilities in grades PK3 – 12. Its mission is to “empower children and adults with intellectual disabilities to discover their full potential.”

4. [The Next Step/ El Próximo Paso Public Charter School \(The Next Step PCS\)](#)

The Next Step PCS is up for its 30-year charter renewal. The school operates one campus in Ward 1. It serves adult students. Its mission is “to provide

students who face extraordinary challenges and who are not supported in traditional high schools with the opportunity to continue their education.”

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 Briya PCS, Goodwill Excel PCS, St. Coletta PCS, and The Next Step PCS on May 18, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Please check www.dcpccb.org to register to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before May 18, 2026.¹ 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 May 18, 2026.
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, Manager of School Quality and Accountability, 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.