

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY (LEA) NAME: Meridian Public Charter School

SUBMISSION DATE: October 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Facility Amendment Request

SCHOOL BACKGROUND AND PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Proposal summary:

Meridian Public Charter School requests to serve all of our students/grades (in grades Pre-K through Grade 8) at our location at 2120 13th Street, NW, the former Harrison School Building. Currently, our students in grades 7 and 8 are served at our at our second location at 770 Kenyon St, NW, the old Bruce building. This will affect an estimated 85 students.

Due our current and projected enrollment, MPCS wishes to move our 7th and 8th graders into our 13th Street location, thereby consolidating all of our grades/students into one location. As we are still obligated to pay for the utilization of our Kenyon St. campus, and because we may receive more favorable enrollment in the future, we are requesting that our charter is amended so that our 7th and 8th can be serviced either at our 13th Street location or our Kenyon Street location.

Year the school plans to implement the proposed changes:

We plan to implement the change for the SY2027-28 school year.

When did the school's board approve the proposed changes?

The Board of Trustees voted to approve the proposed change in an open meeting on September 26, 2026.

APPLICATION

1. Please describe the school's proposed facility change.

The LEA is relocating all of our students into one facility at 2120 13th Street. Our 7th and 8th grades will move into the 13th Street location. At this time, the LEA will maintain the Kenyon St. Campus while it investigates possible uses for the building.

2. 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
Meridian Public Charter School [13 th Street]	Grades PK3 to Grade 8	2120 13 th St NW, Washington, DC 20009
Meridian Public Charter School [Kenyon Street]	(swing space)	770 Kenyon St NW, Washington, DC 20010

3. Describe the proposed facility. Detail features like square footage; number of classrooms, offices, and multipurpose spaces; and intended renovations (if needed).

Our 13th Street facility has 61,900 sq. ft. and a building occupancy of 622. We anticipate 400 or more students and 70 staff members to occupy the space. There are 30 classrooms and 10 pullout spaces.

There are no intended substantial renovations.

4. 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?

Relocating the current 7th and 8th graders will have minimal impact on the current middle school students. There are 41 7th graders that will be impacted next year by this move. The students will still have access to a gymnasium, cafeteria, art classrooms, and large traditional classrooms. In fact, students will have access to more art programming (visual art music, and Spanish) as a result of consolidating campuses. Students will not have to walk or travel on a shuttle from the Columbia Heights metro as they previously do as the 13th Street campus is immediately across the street from the metro station.

Students in Grades PreK through Grade 6 will not be significantly impacted by this consolidation. These students continue to have access to all school amenities, including the playground areas and common spaces.

5. Will there be newly created seats for additional students? If so, discuss student recruitment efforts.

There will not be newly created seats for additional students.

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

The Board of Trustees met in an open meeting to discuss the proposed change on September 26, 2026. See attached for the minutes.

7. 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.

The school has met with the Executive Leadership Team to discuss the decision to relocate the two affected grades. School leaders and Directors have been made aware of the proposed change on October 22, 2026. Other staff members will be made aware of the proposed change during our planned staff meeting on October 28, 2026, and parents will be made aware during virtual meetings on October 29th and October 30th.

During the three meetings that we have currently held, the following concerns were lifted from the conversations:

Concerns	Response
What will the staffing model look like?	Meridian will finalize a staffing model for the consolidated grades by February 1.
Will there be enough room for all grades?	Meridian has engaged with the floor plans and has considered the occupancy and square footage. We will be able to serve all of our students at the 13 th street campus.

8. 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.*

On October 21, MPCS informed ANC Commissioners Philippa Hawker, Aaron Lemon-Strauss, and Brad Howard; Representative Ben Williams of the State Board of Education (Ward 1); and Councilmember Brianne Nadeau (Ward 1) of its plans to consolidate all grades served at the 13th Street facility. See attached.

- 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?**

MPCS informed the ANC representatives on October 21, 2026 and has requested to present their facility plans at the ANC General Body Meeting on December 2, 2026.

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

No concerns have been shared to date. MPCS will be prepared to share and respond to all concerns, if they arise.

- 9. Complete and submit DC PCSB's [5-Year Operating Budget](#) template in accordance with its instructions in the [Instructions](#) tab. If you have any remaining questions on how to complete the template, please contact DC PCSB's School Finance Team.**

See attached.

- 10. Please provide the applicable document for the new facility:**

- **Lease: Signed or draft Lease Agreement**
- **Purchase: Final or draft Purchase and Sale Agreement**

N/A- we are not moving into a new facility.

- 11. If financing the purchase and/or renovations with new loan(s), please provide the term sheet(s) and a brief update on the status of the loan approval.**

N/A we are not purchasing or making significant renovations.



Meridian Public Charter School
Board Meeting
Saturday, September 26, 2026
9:00 am
Elementary School Campus and Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members in Attendance

Pam Dooley
Mahmia Richards
Steve Percy
Andrea Howarton
Payson Peabody
Helda Morad
Zakiya Sackor

Meridian Staff

Dr. Rikki Hunt Taylor
Michael Russell
Diamond Robinson

I. Call to Order - Approval of Agenda

Mr. Percy, Board Chair, requested a motion to call the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

- **Upon motion and second, the meeting agenda was approved by all Board members present.**

II. Consent Agenda – June 2026 Board Minutes

- **Upon motion and second, the consent agenda was approved by all Board members present.**

III. New Board Member

- **Upon motion and second, Zakiya Sackor was approved by all Board members present as a new Board member.**

IV. Vote to close the Open Meeting and Move into Closed Session

- **Upon motion and second all board members present voted to close the open meeting and move into closed session, per the DC Open Meetings Act, Section 5-272 (b)(12) to train and develop members of a public body and staff.**

V. Call to Order

Mr. Percy, Board Chair, requested a motion to call the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

- **Upon motion and second, the meeting agenda was approved by all Board members present.**

VI. Meridian's School Charter

Dr. Taylor, Executive Director, provided an update on a proposed revision to Meridian's school charter that would allow grades 7 and 8 to be located in either the Middle School Campus or the Elementary School Campus.

- **Upon motion and second, an amendment to the school charter to locate grades 7 and 8 in either location (elementary or middle school campuses) was approved by all members present.**

VII. New Budget for School Year 2026-2027

Mr. Russell, Chief Operating Officer, discussed the current enrollment numbers for school year 2026-2027 and their impact on the budget that was approved by the Board during its June 2026 meeting. In particular, the current enrollment numbers are about 100 students less than what was budgeted for. He presented a new budget that includes the use of up to \$2 million from the school's reserves to make up for the reduced number of enrolled students.

- **Upon motion and second, the new budget and use of up to \$2million in reserves was approved by all Board members present.**

VIII. Strategic Plan

Dr. Taylor provided information about, and the Board discussed, the strategic plan for Meridian.

- **Upon motion and second, the strategic plan was approved by all Board members present.**

IX. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.



Rikki Taylor <rtaylor@meridian-dc.org>

Meridian PCS Requests the Opportunity to Present at ANC Meeting on Dec. 2

Rikki Taylor <rtaylor@meridian-dc.org>

Wed, Oct 21, 2026 at 10:21 PM

To: 1E01@anc.dc.gov, 1E03@anc.dc.gov, 1B04@anc.dc.gov

Good afternoon Commissioner Hawker, Commissioner Lemon-Strauss, and Commissioner Howard,

I am Dr. Rikki Hunt Taylor, Executive Director of Meridian Public Charter School. Meridian operates two campuses in Ward 1: We currently operate our Elementary School Campus at 2120 13th St NW. Our Middle School Campus is located at 770 Kenyon Street NW. ou

Due to unexpected enrollment shifts, we propose operating only the 13th St campus next school year. In essence, we would move grades 7 and 8 from the Kenyon Street Campus to the 13th Street campus.

We request the opportunity to present our plans to the ANC on December 2, 2026 at the general body meeting.

Thank you for your consideration. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Rikki Taylor

--

Rikki Hunt Taylor, EdD
(she/her/hers)
Executive Director/ Director Ejecutivo
Meridian Public Charter School
2120 13th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009
(e) rtaylor@meridian-dc.org
(o) 202-387-9830





Rikki Taylor <rtaylor@meridian-dc.org>

Piloting a Sixth Grade Academy At Meridian PCS

Rikki Taylor <rtaylor@meridian-dc.org>

Wed, Oct 21, 2026 at 10:43 PM

To: "Nadeau, Brianne K. (Council)" <BNadeau@dccouncil.gov>

Cc: "Rivero, Niccole (Council)" <nrivero@dccouncil.gov>

Good afternoon Councilmember Nadeau,

I hope that you are doing well. When I last communicated with you, I informed you of our plans to create a sixth grade academy at the elementary school campus on 13th street. We anticipated experiencing challenges meeting our enrollment projections in August and began to consider some alternatives in case we did not make enrollment. We in fact did not meet our enrollment projections, and find it necessary to consolidate operations to our 13th Street campus. In short, we plan to move grades 7 and 8 from the Kenyon Street campus to the 13th Street campus. We have paid off the bond for the 13th Street campus, making the move there the best financial decision for the school. We are requesting a charter amendment that allows us to operate all of our grades at the 13th Street location, and we have requested to present our plans at the ANC meeting on December 2.

I wanted to inform you of our plans in advance. Let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this in person.

Thank you.

Rikki Taylor

[Quoted text hidden]



Rikki Taylor <rtaylor@meridian-dc.org>

Piloting a Sixth Grade Academy at Meridian PCS

Rikki Taylor <rtaylor@meridian-dc.org>

Wed, Oct 21, 2026 at 10:37 PM

To: ben.williams@dc.gov

Dear Mr. Williams,

I hope that you are doing well. When we last spoke, I informed you that we were experiencing challenges meeting our anticipated enrollment numbers. We in fact did not meet our enrollment projections, and find it necessary to consolidate operations to our 13th Street campus. In short, we plan to move grades 7 and 8 from the Kenyon Street campus to the 13th street campus. We have paid off the bond for the 13th Street campus, making the move there the best financial decision for the school. We are requesting a charter amendment that allows us to operate all of our grades at the 13th Street location, and we have requested to present our plans at the ANC meeting on December 2.

I wanted to inform you of our plans in advance. Let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this in person.

Thank you.

Rikki Taylor

[Quoted text hidden]