



Notice of Charter Renewal – *Shining Stars PCS*
Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until January 26, 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 renewal on January 26, 2026. Pending DC PCSB staff's analysis, the Board may elect to do one of the following for schools up for renewal: 1) renew the school's charter, or 2) not renew the school's charter.

Shining Stars Montessori Academy Public Charter School (Shining Stars PCS)

Shining Stars PCS is up for its 15-year charter renewal. The school operates one campus in Ward 5. It serves students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 (PK3) – 6. Its mission is "to offer a quality Montessori education infused with culturally inclusive principles to guide children to develop to their fullest potential."

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 and renew it every fifteen years.

PUBLIC MEETING: DC PCSB will discuss and vote on Shining Stars PCS's charter renewal on January 26, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Please check www.dcpccb.org to register to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before January 26, 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 January 26, 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.

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.

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: Kirsten James, Director of School Quality and Accountability, at kjames@dcpcsb.org.