



Notice of Charter Review – **Multiple Schools:**

Breakthrough PCS

WLA PCS

Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until March 9, 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 on March 9, 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.

1. Breakthrough Montessori Public Charter School (Breakthrough PCS)
Breakthrough PCS is up for its 10-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 4. It serves students in grades pre-kindergarten 3 (PK3) – 6. Its mission is “to provide families of Washington, DC, a fully-implemented, public, Montessori program designed to enable children to develop within themselves the power to shape their lives and the world around them.”
2. Washington Leadership Academy Public Charter School (WLA PCS)
WLA PCS is up for its 10-year charter review. The school operates one campus in Ward 5. It serves students in grades 9 – 12. Its mission is “to prepare Washington, DC scholars with the knowledge, skills, and habits required for success in college and lives of public leadership.”

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 Breakthrough PCS and WLA PCS on March 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Please check www.dcpsb.org to register to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: Comments must be submitted on or before March 9, 2026.¹ You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.

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.

1. 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 March 9, 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.
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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