District of Columbia Public Charter School Board FY2020

Agency District of Columbia Public Charter School Board   **Agency Code** GB0   **Fiscal Year** 2020

Mission The D.C. Public Charter School Board's (PCSB) mission is to provide quality public school options for DC students, families, and communities by conducting a comprehensive application review process, providing effective oversight of and meaningful support to DC public charter schools, and by actively engaging key stakeholders.

🔽 Strategic Objectives

Objective Number	Strategic Objective
1	Increase community engagement and parent education about school quality.
2	Promote increased school academic quality through improved oversight.
3	Ensure charter schools fulfill their roles as public schools serving all students.
4	Improve fiscal and compliance oversight.
5	Improve support for schools by interfacing effectively with city agencies.

🔽 Key Performance Indicators

Measure	Directionality	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Target
1 - Increase community engagement and parent education about school quality. (4 Measures)					
Number of PMF Parent Guides distributed	Up is Better	11,000	5600	6000	6000
Percent of charter school data available on www.dcpcsb.org, in compliance to our transparency policy.	Up is Better	17%	15%	10%	10%
Number of Task Force Meetings PCSB attended	Up is Better	42	42	42	20
Percent Increase in Social Media Followers	Up is Better	New in 2018	41%	10%	10%
2 - Promote increased school academic quality through improved oversight. (2 Measures)					
Number of charter LEAs receiving 5, 10 or 15 year reviews	Up is Better	4	18	14	15
Number of Tier 1 charter LEAs with announced plans to expand or replicate	Up is Better	4	1	0	2
3 - Ensure charter schools fulfill their roles as public schools serving all students. (8 Measures)					
Reduction in expulsion rate for the five schools that had the highest expulsion rate in the previous school year	Up is Better	15%	61%	56.1%	3%
Number of charter school campuses receiving a Notice of Concern from DC PCSB Board for violating DC PCSB's Data Submission Policy	Down is Better	6	8	44	3
Reduction in suspension rate for the five schools that had the highest suspension rate in the previous school year	Up is Better	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020
Improvement in PARCC performance in ELA for At-Risk Students	Up is Better	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020
Improvement in PARCC performance in ELA for Students with Disabilities	Up is Better	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020
Improvement in PARCC performance in Math for At-Risk Students	Up is Better	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020

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Improvement in PARCC performance in Math for Students with Disabilities	Up is Better	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020
Percentage of schools who pass both rounds of Mystery Caller Initiative, which monitors for open enrollment	Up is Better	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020
4 - Improve fiscal and compliance oversight. (3 Measures)					
Number of Financial Analysis Reports issued	Up is Better	1	45	37	1
Number of charter LEAs with weak financials receiving enhanced fiscal oversight from PCSB	Up is Better	12	15	14	4
Number of charter LEAs whose fiscal health improved as a result of oversight efforts	Up is Better	8	3	6	4
5 - Improve support for schools by interfacing effectively with city agencies. (2 Measures)					
Percentage of newly approved schools that receive a final charter after pre-operating year?	Up is Better	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020
Percentage of newly approved schools with facility by February 12th (MSDC deadline)?	Up is Better	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020

Operations

Operations Header	Operations Title	Operations Description	Type of Operations
1 - Increase community engagement and parent education about school quality. (2 Activities)			
AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	Share resources and best practices with external groups	Maintain transparency with parents and stakeholders.	Daily Service
AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	Manage relationships with key groups and constituencies	Manage relationships with community members and stakeholders in order to increase awareness about public charter schools and continue to improve education throughout the district.	Daily Service
2 - Promote increased school academic quality through improved oversight. (2 Activities)			
AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	Provide strong supports to schools	Provide strong supports to schools in the areas of data, communications, new school launch and student support.	Daily Service
AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	Oversee all charter schools	Provide oversight to charter schools through reviews and our Performance Management Framework (PMF).	Daily Service
3 - Ensure charter schools fulfill their roles as public schools serving all students. (2 Activities)			
AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	Oversee adult charter schools	Ensure adult charter schools are providing quality options to students by providing strong oversight in the form of student data validation, our Adult Performance Management Framework (PMF) and charter reviews.	Daily Service
AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	Monitor each school's attendance and discipline	Improve key measures of equity through the use of data.	Daily Service
4 - Improve fiscal and compliance oversight. (1 Activity)			
AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	Monitor each school's finances	Provide strong financial oversight to schools in an effort to improve and maintain charter school's financial health.	Daily Service

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5 - Improve support for schools by interfacing effectively with city agencies. (2 Activities)			
AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	Work across DC city agencies to ensure best possible supports are available to public charter schools	Work with DC agencies to support and advocate for public charter schools.	Daily Service
AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	Provide internal supports to PCS in service of academics, special populations, compliance	Provide support internally to public charter schools academically, for special populations, and for compliance.	Daily Service

Workload Measures

Measure	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual
1 - Share resources and best practices with external groups (2 Measures)			
Number of PALC meetings attended	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020
Number of ANC notifications sent	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020
2 - Oversee all charter schools (3 Measures)			
Number of qualitative site review reports	47	19	42
Number of schools in compliance as evidenced by completed Compliance Review Reports	119	120	123
Number of school closings	0	2	6
2 - Provide strong supports to schools (2 Measures)			
Number of Public Charter School Applications Recieved	8	4	11
Number of School Openings (New Charters and New Campuses)	2	3	7
5 - Provide internal supports to PCS in service of academics, special populations, compliance (1 Measure)			
Number of school openings (new charters and new campuses)	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020
5 - Work across DC city agencies to ensure best possible supports are available to public charter schools (2 Measures)			
Increase in number of school health suites approved for school nurses	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020
Number of schools who participate in the school mental health expansions	New in 2020	New in 2020	New in 2020

Strategic Initiatives

Strategic Initiative Title	Strategic Initiative Description	Proposed Completion Date
Manage relationships with key groups and constituencies (3 Strategic initiatives)		
Engage actively across the city to find citywide solutions to education issues	Coordinate with other city agencies and key groups and constituencies to increase awareness of and support for PCSB and public charter school students, and support equitable delivery of health and safety services to students	09-30-2020

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Improve transparency around DC PCSB's authorizer work by increasing amounts of data on public charter schools' performance, equity, and finances	DC PCSB will implement its transparency policy and increase the amount of data regarding public charter school's performance, equity, and finances	09-30-2020
Increase awareness about public charter schools	Deliver effective communication and government relations, including promoting charter priorities, highlighting PCSB's role, liaising with community groups, and serving as a national authorizing role model	09-30-2019
Monitor each school's finances (1 Strategic Initiative)		
Continue efforts to improve fiscal monitoring of charter schools, publishing a Financial Analysis Review Report for FY19 that provides clear indicators of charter school financial health	Public charter schools are required to submit annual financial audits performed by PCSB-approved independent auditors. PCSB reviews each school audit. Additionally, PCSB reviews key financial ratios of all schools it oversees, comparing these ratios with industry standards of health. In January 2011, PCSB established the Audit Management Unit (AMU) to enhance its charter school financial oversight. The AMU consists of three District agencies with responsibility for aspects of charter school finances: PCSB, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education's (OSSE) Office of Charter School Financing and Support.	09-30-2020
Oversee adult charter schools (1 Strategic Initiative)		
Refine, as needed, adult education oversight	A significant overhaul of the AE framework in 2018 for the 2018-19 school year was completed. We will continue to modify the AE PMF as needed	09-30-2020
Oversee all charter schools (1 Strategic Initiative)		
Conduct rigorous 5, 10 and 15-year reviews of DC Public Charter Schools	In FY20 PCSB will continue to collect data from schools to inform policy, provide schools with sector-level trends, and ensure compliance of the applicable law. PCSB will also provide transparency to the public and stakeholders, and identify schools that may be outliers in regards to truancy, discipline, student populations served, and disparities in performance of subgroups within a school. These data are currently being shared with schools via PCSB's dashboards.	09-30-2020
Share resources and best practices with external groups (1 Strategic Initiative)		
Faithfully implementing transparency policy	PCSB plans to evaluate its processes to ensure transparency and PCSB also plans to post increasing levels of data relating to public charter school performance on its OpenData portal (www.data.dcpcsb.org), including comprehensive discipline and attendance data, test score data, our performance management framework and the results of our annual FAR.	09-30-2020