

District of Columbia Public Charter School Board FY2021

Agency District of Columbia Public Charter School Board

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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 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Target
1 - Increase community engagement and parent education about school quality. (4 Measures)					
Number of PMF Parent Guides distributed	Up is Better	5600	6000	4500	4000
Number of Task Force Meetings PCSB attended	Up is Better	42	42	42	20
Percent Increase in Social Media Followers	Up is Better	41%	10%	26.2%	10%
Percent of charter school data available on www.dcpcsb.org, in compliance to our transparency policy.	Up is Better	15%	10%	90%	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	18	14	22	15
Number of Tier 1 charter LEAs with announced plans to expand or replicate	Up is Better	1	0	2	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	61%	56.1%	22.9%	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	8	44	0	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	11.2%	Waiting on Data
Improvement in PARCC performance in ELA for At-Risk Students	Up is Better	New in 2020	New in 2020	Not Available	Waiting on Data
Improvement in PARCC performance in ELA for Students with Disabilities	Up is Better	New in 2020	New in 2020	Not Available	Waiting on Data
Improvement in PARCC performance in Math for At-Risk Students	Up is Better	New in 2020	New in 2020	No Applicable Incidents	Waiting on Data
Improvement in PARCC performance in Math for Students with Disabilities	Up is Better	New in 2020	New in 2020	Not Available	Waiting on Data
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	75.8%	Waiting on Data
4 - Improve fiscal and compliance oversight. (3 Measures)					
Number of charter LEAs with weak financials receiving enhanced fiscal oversight from PCSB	Up is Better	15	14	Waiting on Data	1
Number of charter LEAs whose fiscal health improved as a result of oversight efforts	Up is Better	3	6	Waiting on Data	1
Number of Financial Analysis Reports issued	Up is Better	45	37	No Applicable Incidents	1
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	100%	Waiting on Data
Percentage of newly approved schools with facility by February 12th (MSDC deadline)?	Up is Better	New in 2020	New in 2020	100%	Waiting on Data

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

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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
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 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual
1 - Share resources and best practices with external groups (2 Measures)			
Number of PALC meetings attended	New in 2020	New in 2020	11
Number of ANC notifications sent	New in 2020	New in 2020	41
2 - Oversee all charter schools (3 Measures)			
Number of school closings	2	6	0
Number of schools in compliance as evidenced by completed Compliance Review Reports	120	123	123
Number of qualitative site review reports	19	42	26
2 - Provide strong supports to schools (2 Measures)			
Number of Public Charter School Applications Received	4	11	15
Number of School Openings (New Charters and New Campuses)	3	7	5
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	5
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	13
Number of schools who participate in the school mental health expansions	New in 2020	New in 2020	72

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 health and safety issues, especially related to impacts of COVID-19	Coordinate with other city agencies and key groups and constituencies to access equitable health and safety services for students with an emphasis on students most impacted by COVID-19. DC PCSB will also provide health and safety compliance support to public charter schools through health consultants that will help schools create and implement their re-opening plans and conduct in-person site visits to ensure that schools are operating in accordance with their plans and the DC Health and OSSE guidance.	09-30-2021
Support transparency around DC PCSB's authorizing work by providing public data on public charter schools' performance, equity, and finances	DC PCSB will implement its transparency policy and increase the amount of data that is publicly available regarding public charter school's performance, equity, and finances	09-30-2021
Increase awareness about public charter schools	Deliver effective communication and government relations via outreach events for teacher appreciation and recruitment; support to the My School DC Ed Fest; community conversations with various Ward and neighborhood education committees	09-30-2021

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Monitor each school's finances (1 Strategic Initiative)		
Continue efforts to improve fiscal monitoring of charter schools	DC PCSB will continue efforts to improve fiscal monitoring of charter schools. We will review the key financial ratios of all schools we oversee and will publish a Financial Analysis Review Report for SY2019-20 in the spring of 2021 that provides clear indicators of charter school financial health.	09-30-2021
Oversee all charter schools (3 Strategic initiatives)		
Conduct rigorous 5, 10 and 15-year reviews of DC Public Charter Schools	In FY21, DC PCSB will continue to conduct rigorous 5, 10, and 15 year reviews of public charter schools; however, given the significant COVID-related school closures, a majority of the reviews will include data from virtual school/ classroom observations. The reviews will also be adjusted as appropriate given the various COVID impacts on data collection and analysis.	09-30-2021
Monitor schools' continuous learning and reopening plans during COVID-19 operations.	DC PCSB will monitor COVID-related continuous learning plans and reopening plans of schools during FY21 and maintain an updated record of school plans and methods to ensure the continuous learning of students during the COVID-19 pandemic.	09-30-2021
Adjust the Performance Management Framework (PMF) to ensure accountability during COVID-19.	DC PCSB will explore changes to our accountability tool - the performance management framework (PMF) - and various policies in response to COVID-19, including our data collection and metrics, in order to provide an accurate assessment of each school's academic performance	09-30-2021