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Nine Charter Schools Granted Approval to Continue for another Five Years

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Washington, D.C. — The D.C. Public Charter School Board (PCSB) voted on February 28, to grant full continuance to nine charter schools after undergoing the PCSB's comprehensive five-year review to determine whether they performed well enough to continue another five years. The schools that passed the five-year review and were granted full continuance are: AppleTree, Bridges, Capital City, Early Childhood Academy, Howard University Math and Science Middle School, Paul, Potomac Lighthouse Academy, Tree of Life Community and Youth Build Public Charter Schools.

"While these schools vary greatly in the approaches they take toward instruction, each impressed the Board with their commitment to constantly improve and innovate, so that they can provide the best possible education for the children they serve," said PCSB Board Member Don Soifer.

Potomac Lighthouse Academy was placed on Charter Warning last year because they failed to meet goals and student academic achievement expectations outlined in their charter. However, Potomac Lighthouse has since satisfied all of the Board's charter warning conditions.

Schools are granted full charter continuance if they have not committed any known violations of the conditions, terms, standards or procedures outlined in their charter; have met the goals and student achievement expectations set forth in the charter; have engaged in generally accepted accounting principles; have not engaged in a pattern of fiscal mismanagement and are economically viable.

The D.C. Public Charter School Board currently oversees 52 public charter schools on 93 campuses serving more than 29,000 students living in every ward of the city. Public charter schools now serve approximately 39% of all public school students in Washington, D.C. Learn more about PCSB at www.dcpubliccharter.com.

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