

# THE NEXT STEP PCS

## MEETING THE NEEDS OF "DISCONNECTED" YOUTH

### AWARD TYPE

Redesign

### GRADES SERVED

Ages 16–24

### OPERATOR TYPE

Charter

### STUDENTS SERVED

393

### LOCATION

Ward 1

The Next Step Public Charter School will redesign its approach toward educating “disconnected” youth ages 18–24 in order to meet students’ widely varied academic and personal needs. The redesigned model will provide **flexible programming, academic pacing and focus based upon strong relationships and a restorative environment, and an holistic approach to youth development.** The redesign will also establish a curriculum and instructional model that is student-centered and based on proven best practices, in addition to developing **individual life plans** for students that encompass both academic and personal goals.