

Current Public Comment Guidelines - 2023

We invite and actively seek the public's input in matters relevant to School Board governance and provide time in our business meetings to hear from our residents and community members. During public comment, we expect respectful and on-topic comments. Disruptive behavior from speakers or from members of the public in attendance will not be tolerated. Anyone who willfully disrupts this meeting in a manner that prevents or interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting may be ejected by the chair.

Individuals and/or organizations wishing to speak during Public Comment must sign in with the Clerk. Sign-up is available beginning at 9 a.m. on the Monday of the meeting week until 3:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Public testimony guidelines are as follows:

1. Speakers should adhere to the following protocol:
 - A. State name and address or voting district.
 - B. Address comments to the School Board as a whole.
 - C. Limit comments to those matters that are relevant to School Board governance or school division operations.
 - D. Give written statements and other supporting material to the Clerk. If you are unable to complete the presentation in the time allotted, a copy of supporting materials will be provided to School Board members.
2. Three minutes will be allowed for each presenter to speak. [However, the Chair may reduce the time allocated for all individuals to speak to two minutes depending on the number of individuals who sign up.] A commenter will be required to discontinue the comment after 3 minutes.

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Given there are more than ten individuals signed up for public comment, each speaker will be allowed two minutes to speak.

3. A color-coded light/card system is used to time presentations. The yellow light/card means the speaker is 2 minutes (or 1 minute if there are more than ten speakers) into the presentation, and the red light/card means the speaker is at the three-minute limit of the presentation and must wrap up.
4. In order to maintain respect for all points of view, the School Board requests no clapping, booing, or any other audible form of support or nonsupport be used. If members of the public wish to show their support for a speaker, they may stand or raise their hands.
5. When multiple comments on the same topic have been presented, the Chair may request additional comments on the topic be limited to those who have new information to present.
6. Debate and dialogue with the School Board are not allowed.
7. Use of the projection system is reserved for staff scheduled agenda item presentations only.