

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**  
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**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**

on

Student Learning Loss: Widening the Achievement Gap During the COVID-19 Pandemic

On

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Chairman's Website ([www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live](http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live))**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces the scheduling of a public roundtable of the Committee of the Whole on *Student Learning Loss: Widening the Achievement Gap During the COVID-19 Pandemic*. The roundtable will be held on **Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.** Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast. The roundtable will only be broadcast live at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live>.

The purpose of this roundtable is to receive testimony from experts, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), the Public Charter School Board (PCSB), and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) on the learning loss and resultant widening of the achievement gap that has occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as solutions for mitigating the loss. Because the Committee is seeking testimony from particular education experts and the Executive, **this roundtable is limited to invited guests only.**

Testimony from each invited expert witness is limited to five minutes unless a longer time limit is arranged. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. If you have additional questions, please contact Destiny Riley, Committee Assistant, at (202) 724-8196.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, the roundtable will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. Although this roundtable is limited to invited witnesses, written or transcribed statements from the public are highly encouraged and will be taken by email or voicemail. Testimony may be submitted in writing to [cow@dccouncil.us](mailto:cow@dccouncil.us) or may be left by voicemail (up to 3 minutes – which will be transcribed – by calling (202) 430-6948). Testimony received by close of business on February 8, 2021 will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation> prior to the roundtable. Written statements timely received will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to [cow@dccouncil.us](mailto:cow@dccouncil.us). The record will close at 5:00 pm on February 24, 2021.