

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

on

School Reopening and Academic Recovery: Hearing from Ward 7 & 8 Families

on

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast
Chairman's Website (www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live)

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing of the Committee of the Whole on *School Reopening and Academic Recovery: Hearing from Ward 7 & 8 Families*. The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast. The hearing will only be broadcast live at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live>. Afterwards, it will be posted to the DC Council website.

Black residents of the District are seeing the harshest impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council's recent public roundtables on learning loss have suggested that the achievement gap between black and white students has significantly increased during virtual learning and our Black students, east of the river primarily, are falling even further behind their peers. In order to better inform school reopening plans as well as strategies to address academic recovery, the Committee wants to hear from communities that have been impacted the most by the pandemic and the lack of in-person learning. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony from Ward 7 and 8 residents, parents, and school staff. **The witness list for this hearing will be limited to 45 public witnesses or three hours.**

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, the hearing will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. Although the witness list for this hearing is limited, written or transcribed statements from the public, regardless of residence are welcomed and will be taken by email or voicemail. Testimony may be submitted in writing to 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 Monday May 24, 2021 will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation> prior to the hearing. Written statements timely received will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to cow@dccouncil.us. The record will close at 5:00 pm on June 11, 2021.