

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE

on

Improving School Attendance: Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism Issues in the District

on

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast

Chairman's Website (www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live)

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public oversight roundtable of the Committee of the Whole and the Committee on Education on Improving School Attendance: Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism Issues in the District. This oversight roundtable will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast.

The stated purpose of this oversight roundtable is to receive testimony from invited and government witnesses and partners, including the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, the Child and Family Services Agency, the District of Columbia Public Schools, the Public Charter School Board, and the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants, regarding the District's efforts to improve school attendance and to reduce truancy and chronic absenteeism. While the District has worked to improve school attendance and lower truancy and chronic absenteeism rates over the past decade, much work still needs to be done. Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated long-standing issues and impacted the District's ability to obtain representative attendance data over the past two school years.

The hearing will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. Testimony at this hearing is limited to invited and government witnesses. However, citizens and organizations may submit written statements to cow@dccouncil.us or leave a voicemail by calling (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). Written testimony and statements will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/testimony> and will be made a part of the official record. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on December 23, 2021.